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Princess's driver was drunk

'Catch me if you can' taunt to paparazzi

BY CHARLES BREMNER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE chauffeur of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed had been driving at 120mph while drunk, French investigators discovered yesterday.

Henri Paul, deputy head of security at the Paris Ritz, had drunk more than three times France's legal alcohol limit for drivers — or the equivalent of one and a half bottles of wine — when he drove the Princess and her companion Dodi Fayed from the hotel on Saturday night.

Unconfirmed reports said that he had taunted paparazzi scrambling for pictures of the couple, saying "catch me if you can", before speeding away.

The high-powered Mercedes S280 did manage to pull away from the photographers on motorcycles as it left the Place de la Concorde, but as it roared into a tunnel alongside the River, the limousine came up behind a car travelling near the 30mph limit. The overtaking manouevre sent it out of control and into a concrete pillar, leaving the speedometer stuck at 120.

The police disclosure that M Paul, who also died in the crash, was drunk took some of the force out of the investigation into the role of the paparazzi in the tragedy. But seven photographers were still being questioned yesterday and four were expected to be charged under the French "good samaritan" law with failing to give assistance to someone in danger and with leaving the scene of an accident.

Witnesses reported that photographers had spent up to ten minutes taking pictures of the car and its occupants before the emergency services were called and that some were still swarming around the wreckage when the police arrived.

An American family who passsed in a taxi said that they had been shocked to see photographers taking close-up pictures of the Princess as she lay unconscious. "Poor woman: her head was turned to the side," Robin Firestone said, adding that she had not realised who she was until later. Another witness said that five photographers had jostled to get past police to get nearer to the Princess.

More than 20 rolls of film were confiscated from the seven detained at the scene and these were being examined by police in a search for clues to the cause of the crash. Other photographers are said to have evaded police and their pictures are being touted for sale around the world.

The prosecutor's office said: "The investigation has allowed us to determine in a more precise manner the behaviour of certain people who did not give the aid and assistance normally required in case of an accident on a public road. The testimony of the surviving passenger will be very important, but it has not so far been possible because of his state of health."

Trevor Rees-Jones, a British bodyguard employed by Mohamed Al Fayed, was the sole survivor of the crash. He suffered serious injuries but although those were said not to be life-threatening, his condition has not improved enough for him to be interviewed.

In the meantime Mr Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods and the Paris Ritz, is said to be determined to press ahead with legal action against the photographers he believes to have been responsible for killing his son and the Princess. He is planning private prosecutions in spite of the disclosure that M Paul — one of the most senior employees at his hotel — had been drunk and is said to have instructed his lawyers to explore every legal avenue open to them.

Anger against the paparazzi and the media remained intense throughout France yesterday with ministers calling for a futher tightening of the country's already strict privacy laws. The public mood was reflected in the graffito inscription "Paparazzi murderers" daubed under the L'Alma Bridge by the tunnel entrance.

Mr Al Fayed's Paris lawyer Bernard Dartevelle, said: "Whatever the fault of the driver, we have a chain of events the origin of which was an offence commited by the photographers.

"Mr Al Fayed will use all legal means to bring to justice those responsible for her death. The opening of a manslaughter case seems the very least that should be done at this stage. If the photographers hadn't surrounded Lady Diana's vehicle and organised the chase, the driver would not have gone so fast."

Michael Cole, the public affairs director of Harrods, said that while he condemned drink-driving, the photographers had behaved like red indians surrounding a stagecoach. About thirty had gathered outside one of the entrances to the Ritz while the Princess and Mr Fayed were having dinner, forcing the couple to leave by a rear exit where they were met by M Paul — the standby driver — while Mr Fayed's regular chauffeur acted as a decoy luring some of the photographers away.

In spite of the ruse, a high-powered motorcycle had deliberately obstructed the Princess's Mercedes as it pulled away, Mr Cole said. "One of the motorbikes, a very powerful machine, was overtaking the car and pulling rightwards in front of it to try to slow it down so that the other photographers could keep up. The photographers were flashing off blitz lights into the eyes of the people inside the car. It was like a stage coach surrounded by Indians, but instead of firing arrows, they were firing these lights into the eyes of the driver who was just trying to get his charges away from them. One eyewitness said it was not an accident: it was murder."

Of M Paul, a 41-year-old former naval officer who had worked at the Ritz for 11 years, Mr Cole said: "He has an exemplary record. He is a conscientious employee." While he was deputy head of security at the hotel, he had driving duties from time to time and had, Mr Cole added, taken two courses on professional security guard driving — including anti-terrorist and anti-hijacking techniques in both conventional and bullet-proof limousines — run by Mercedes Benz in Stuttgart.

M Paul's body was found to contain 1.75 grammes of alcohol per litre of blood and his drunken condition was apparent to members of staff at the Ritz who alerted the photographers' lawyers hours before the police released the blood test results yesterday.

The French legal limit for drivers is 0.5 grammes and French police manuals describe anything over 1.5 as a state of incapacity that multiplies the chance of an accident by 80 times.

An RAC spokesman said of M Paul's alcohol level: "This meant that he would have been over twice the UK limit and would have meant he would have drunk the equivalent of at least a bottle of wine. In this situation, the driver would have had no chance of controlling a big car at high speed in a confined space. "Having drunk as much as he had, he would have felt immortal."

The RAC said that research showed that there were more incidents of drink-driving related accidents in France than in Britain. "Our policy has always been to say that people should not drink anything when they drive," a spokesman said.

"Our research shows that people over the limit do not fear danger in the same way that those driving soberly do. Over-the-limit drivers have their tension levels reduced and also their reaction times are greatly reduced as is their judgment. All these factors combine to produce a situation where an accident is just waiting to happen."

Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire, said: "The question that needs to be asked is how the mother of a future king was allowed to be driven by someone over the limit. It is all very well to protect people from the IRA, but we should be able to protect them also from being driven by drunkards, a much more mundane but, as it turned out, fatal threat."

Lawrie Quinn, the MP for Scarborough and Whitby, said the question now needed to be asked why the Princess did not have a proper police driver for the vehicle. This is one of those questions which we will not get an answer to." He said that the disclosure about the driver demonstrated that people should not simply offer knee-jerk reactions to events.

CHRIS BARHAM

Books of condolence are signed at St James's Palace yesterday. Roads round the palace were closed until Sunday as thousands queued for hours to pay homage

Princes to be beneficiaries

Princes William and Harry will be the main beneficiaries of the Princess's will, which was drawn up at the time of her £17 million divorce.

The divorce settlement was complex, with a proportion of the fortune being held in various trusts. The Princess had no property since she lived in a grace and favour apartment at Kensington Palace. The executors are likely to include her solicitor, Anthony Julius, an accountant and probably a member of the family. They are likely to apply for the grant of probate within six months...... Page 6

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Palace promises unique funeral

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

A "PEOPLE'S funeral" for Diana, Princess of Wales, in Westminster Abbey on Saturday will be a unique funeral for a unique person, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

Two thousand invited mourners will fill the abbey. Many thousands more are expected to watch the Princess's coffin borne on a gun carriage from the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace, where it has lain privately since yesterday morning. The coffin will be accompanied by detachments from the Army, Royal Navy and RAF. The Princess will later be buried privately alongside her father at the Spencer family chapel at Althorp, Northamptonshire.

Although the Palace and Downing Street deny it, the formal farewell for the Princess will be virtually a state funeral. Keeping it one step removed from the full panoply, however, allows much more flexibility in who can be invited. The hand of Tony Blair, who favours a public event to honour the Princess, is very much behind the arrangements, made in consultation with the Palace and the family.

Officials and family members were last night finalising an invitation list to what will be London's most important funeral since 300,000 people lined the streets to watch Sir Winston Churchill's last journey in 1965.

Mourners will be headed by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, Princes William and Harry and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The Princess's family will be represented by her brother Charles, the current Earl Spencer, and her sisters Lady Jane Fellowes and Lady Sarah McCorquodale.

Presidents Clinton, Chirac and Mandela are expected to head a relatively small delegation of foreign Heads of State. Representatives of Australia, Canada and other Commonwealth countries will be included. A firm announcement is expected from Mr Clinton's office today.

Palace sources said last night that, as the event was not a fully-fledged state funeral it would not be necessary to fill the abbey with ambassadors and other representatives of the great and the good. "The great majority of mourners will be people who had some personal connection with the Princess, either as friends or as representatives of her many charities and interests."

The Government will be represented by Mr Blair, and the other main party leaders are expected to be included. Other guests will include representatives of the Duchy of Cornwall and the Princess's own household, which was reduced to a mere handful of employees after her divorce and the move of her office to Kensington Palace.

One source said last night: "We are determined that the emphasis will be on personal connections, and the people she got on with. That is why, for example, we have decided that workers from her various charities should take part in the procession."

The interment at Althorp will be a much more private affair. It was undecided last night which members of the Royal Family should be there in addition to the Prince of Wales and the Princess's two children.

Officials have been caught without any pre-planned method of paying for the funeral. Sources said that money would be found from contingency funds and that there would be talks between Buckingham Palace and Downing Street later as to which sources of public finance should share the bill.

The form and content of the service was unlikely to be announced until today at the earliest. The service is likely to be taken by the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, with Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, playing a prominent role.

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Silent Saturday for mourning

BY MARK HENDERSON AND JOHN GOODBODY

BRITAIN will come to a halt on Saturday as the nation mourns Diana, Princess of Wales. The National Lottery draw has been postponed, cinemas and theatres have cancelled shows, sports events have been moved, banks will close and shops will open late as a mark of respect.

Airports, railway stations and shopping centres will observe two minutes' silence at 11am as the Princess' funeral begins at Westminster Abbey. Those shops that open in the morning will also observe the silence, as will radio stations not covering the funeral.

Peter Davis, director-general of the National Lottery, said that Saturday's draw would take place on Sunday. Tomorrow's draw will go ahead, but it will not be televised. "It would be inappropriate to hold the Saturday draw on the day of her funeral," he said.

Mohamed Al Fayed, whose son Dodi died with the Princess in Sunday's crash, announced that Harrods would close on Saturday for the second time on a Saturday this century. The previous occasion was to mark the funeral of Winston Churchill. Selfridges will open only in the afternoon.

The supermarkets Safeway, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury and Co-op will all stay closed until 2 pm, although many will open late on Friday and Saturday nights. Most high street banks will be closed as will branches of Nationwide, the largest building society.

Most sports events scheduled for Saturday have been cancelled or moved, although the Braemar Gathering of highland sports, held ten miles from Balmoral, is to go ahead with the approval of the Royal Family.

Fifa, the world football governing body, gave the Scottish Football Association permission to reschedule Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Belarus, although no decision on the game had been taken last night. England's qualifying match against Moldova next Wednesday will go ahead.

No Premiership football matches were planned in England or Scotland because of the World Cup matches, but the Nationwide Football League announced that the full programme of matches scheduled for Saturday would be moved. The games will now take place on Friday night, Sunday or next week.

Cricket's Natwest Trophy final, between Warwickshire and Essex, will take place on Sunday.

All league and European Cup fixtures in Rugby Union have been postponed, many to Sunday when a two-minute silence will be observed. All Rugby League games have also been called off. The whole day's horse racing programme has been cancelled.

The Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon and the Royal National Theatre and Globe Theatre in London have cancelled matinees on Saturday, though evening shows will go ahead.

The Society of West End Theatre said many other theatres would take similar decisions, and that all performances would be preceded by a minute's silence. The Roy-

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PRINCESS: THE FUNERAL PLANS

Palace and Whitehall plan royal funeral

Special teams work together to ensure smooth passage through diplomatic difficulties, reports **Valerie Elliott**

A COMMAND centre has been set up for the first time at Buckingham Palace to organise the arrangements for the royal funeral on Saturday.

A team of about 15 people yesterday moved into a spacious room overlooking the Palace gardens to co-ordinate the event, which will be watched by millions throughout the world. A bank of more than 20 telephone lines were activated and computers installed to handle the complex arrangements.

The contingency plan has been in place for about ten years when the Lord Chamberlain's office moved into the Palace from St James's Palace. But the Princess's funeral is the first time the open-plan room has been used as a nerve-centre to co-ordinate such a massive and unique occasion. Most of the year the Lord Chamberlain's office organises royal garden parties, investitures and state visits.

Under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Malcom Ross, an old Etonian and former officer in the Scots Guards, who is the Comptroller of the Lord Chamberlain's office, staff yesterday began drawing up the masterplan for the solemn procession from St James's to Westminster Abbey, and then the drive from London to Althorp, where the Princess will be buried next to her father, Earl Spencer.

Lt-Col Ross, 53, reports directly to the Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain, and he is charged with the overall co-ordination of the occasion, taking into account the wishes of the Spencer family, the Royal Family and advice from the Government's protocol department.

His team will liaise with the police on security and crowd-control issues and will speak to Westminster Abbey staff about the order of service and arrangements for printing.

The military input in the procession and service will also be choreographed from the office. But the main task facing the team last night was contacting by telephone the guests to be invited to attend the service, and devising a seating plan.

At the Foreign Office yesterday six diplomats from the protocol department were assigned to a "royal funeral" unit to liaise with embassies and high commissions. In a large L-shaped room overlooking the main FO courtyard the team began plotting the likely travel arrangements and routes of each dignitary. The last such gathering of VIPs was two years ago when nearly 60 heads of state came to London to attend the VE-Day commemoration events.

Such an influx into the country is a diplomatic minefield. Each has to be welcomed by an official "meeter and greeter" — a team of about 11 former diplomats are on standby for such airport duties. Two are on holiday this week and more might have to be recruited.

The Foreign Office will also liaise with police and security services about personal protection. Most dignitaries are usually assigned two motorcycle outriders, although some will also have an armed protection officer. The blood group for every dignitary is logged, although some insist on having their own personal ambulance in attendance.

Routes of each dignitary from their embassy or hotel to Westminster Abbey will have to be planned and timed. About 100 police motorcyclists are expected to be drafted into the capital from provincial forces. Also to be decided will be the order of precedence of those attending.

For the VE-Day commemorations the Foreign Office conceived a new principle — the procession was decided by duration in office. Sources there indicated last night that they thought the model had been successful.

Yesterday, even before the invitations were known, many overseas Governments telephoned the Foreign Office for advice on such matters as where to send a wreath and to whom they should write a letter of condolence.

Thousands of floral tributes were placed at the gates of Kensington Palace, the Princess's home in London, yesterday. Many Londoners had stopped off at the royal residence on their way to work

Extra trains for travellers to funeral

BY DAVID CHURCHILL AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

RAIL companies plan to lay on extra services to meet the demand from thousands of people wanting to attend Saturday's funeral.

London's hotels, already heavily booked, are also preparing for a surge of reservations for Friday night. Many are likely to charge the full rate rather than the normal weekend reductions.

Martin Couchman, deputy chief executive of the British Hospitality Association, said: "London is extremely busy at this time of the year and many of the capital's hotels are already full. Claridge's said last night it expected to be fully booked well before the weekend with guests attending the funeral. Already its two new penthouse suites, at £2,300 plus VAT a night, are booked, and a number of its 136 rooms and 56 suites are being reserved for diplomatic guests. The hotel has banned music on its premises on Saturday.

If a room can be booked, getting there is likely to be easier than normal. Engineering work on main lines into London is to be postponed from Friday night.

Richard Branson's Virgin rail group is arranging two special trains from Carlisle and Manchester in response to requests that flooded in within moments of the funeral details being announced. Other rail operators were last night making hurried arrangements to cope with the expected demand which is likely to leave many Saturday services as busy as the weekday rush-hour. Train operators around the South East are increasing the number of carriages on trains to cope with the demand.

Extra London Underground services are also being laid on to Westminster.

Hotel industry sources yesterday said that many hotels were likely to charge full rate. "The signs are that hoteliers are waking up to the fact that there is extra demand and are resisting attempts to give the usual weekend discounts," Julian McConnell, director of the hotel reservations agency Hotelpacc, said.

Hotels are able to insist on the published rack rate being paid because of restrictions limiting any discoutnt offers to availability. But hotels have to give several days advance notice of any increase in published tarifs, so the opportunity to officially raise rates before the weekend is limited.

Utell, the hotel reservations agency which is the UK's largest booker of hotel rooms, said that about half of the 210 hotels it represented in the capital were already fully booked for the weekend with tourists and other groups. "We would expect the rest to fill up over the next few days," it added.

The London Tourist Board said it had received "a lot of interest" once the details of the funeral had been announced, although in a breakdown in its hotel reservations computer hotline (0171-932 2020) meant that many people could not get through. "London has already seen record levels of occupancy this summer, so we expect the amount of accommodation to be available to be fairly small," a spokesman said.

☐ ***Utell reservations: (0990 300 200). Other hotel reservation operators in London include Highlife Mini Holidays (0800 700 400), Superbreak (0161 238 5257) and First Option (0161 475 2000)***

Police ready for a million mourners

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is preparing for more than a million mourners on the streets of London for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, on Saturday.

Yesterday senior officers said they had begun preparations for an enormous public turnout. The Yard's special operations centre, codenamed GT, has been opened as police prepare for the largest public funeral in London since the burial of Lord Mountbatten in 1979.

The control room, with its giant television screens linked to cameras mounted on police helicopters, is opened only for top-level public events. On Saturday it will co-ordinate thousands of officers controlling the huge crowds and the teams of specialist armed police providing security cover for the Royal Family.

Last night, police planners were working late at the Yard and waiting for news from Buckingham Palace of who would be on the guest list among the VIPs. All leave has been cancelled for the 400 strong Special Branch department at the Yard. They could be responsible for the close protection of mourners including President Clinton from the United States and President Chirac from France.

Yesterday, senior officers from the royality and diplomatic protection group, the special escort group which provides armed mobile cover and outriders for dignatories, and Special Branch started making plans for the operation. VIPs will have to brought into London from Heathrow, protected if they stay and then guided safely out of Britain again.

Mourning will shut Harrods, the store a bomb could not close

With flowers and candles at the doors, store makes plans to honour Princess: **Andrew Pierce** reports

HARRODS will mark the funeral of the Princess by closing its doors to the public for only the second Saturday this century. The last time was January 1965 for the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill.

The flag will be flying at half mast and the Knightsbridge store, which opened even on the first trading day after its 1993 IRA bombing, will be in darkness throughout the weekend. The 11,000 bulbs which usually light the store at night have been extinguished until after the funeral.

Harrods was the focus of a massive outpouring of public grief yesterday. Flowers and candles lay eight feet deep at the main door by lunchtime. A guard stood relighting candles as they flickered out in the wind. Crowds queued to sign four books of remembrance, and many of the staff wore black yesterday. Messages, some in Arabic, were attached to bunches of flowers. One said: "Dodi, we didn't know you well but already we had taken you to our hearts because of the love and happiness you had given to our Diana, a love she had been denied for so long."

Mohamed Al Fayed, who surprised many observers by allowing the store to open as usual yesterday, took the decision to shut on Saturday after consultations with his family, including his brother, Ali, the deputy chairman. He said of the deaths of his son and the Princess: "God took their souls to live together in Paradise. Now they have peace. I will never be able to reconcile myself to the needless and cruel deaths of two people who were so vibrant, generous and full of life."

The death of Dodi Fayed has brought the three Al Fayed brothers under the same roof for the first time in 10 years. Mohamed, Ali and Salah, who lives in Gstaad and runs the family's Egyptian interests, were grieving together at the Harrods owner's mansion in Oxted, Surrey. Dodi, 41, a film producer, was was buried on Sunday evening, in compliance with Muslim tradition, within 24 hours of his death.

There was a quiet family ceremony at the Brooklands Cemetery in Woking, after prayers at the Regent's Park mosque.

The decision to bring the body back to Britain was taken by Mr Al Fayed against the wishes of some relatives. Suad Al Fayed, his sister in Alexandria, said: "We would have preferred that Dodi be buried in his home town, Alexandria, but my brother said he wanted his favourite son to remain nearby so he could visit his grave as often as possible."

Dodi was the only child of Mr Al Fayed's first marriage to Samira, sister of Adnan Khashoggi, the arms dealer. He was being groomed to take over the Harrods empire. The family business interests will be switched to Ali, the youngest brother, who is close to Mohamed. The Harrods owner has four children, aged between 10 and 16, with his second wife, Heini.

Nation to halt in mourning

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al Academy of Arts is waiving admission charges for the day, and is encouraging visitors to give the money they would have paid to the Princess's favourite charities, the Red Cross and the London Lighthouse. The National Trust will not open its buildings until 3 pm, and evening events will be preceded by a minute's silence.

The Grosvenor Casino, near Kensington Palace, will not open, and many cinemas will not show films in the morning. The Virgin group, owned by Richard Branson, who attended many charity events with the Princess, said different parts of the group would mark the funeral in different ways. Virgin cinemas will not open until 3 pm.

The Virgin Direct financial services arm will not operate, and Virgin trains and airlines will observe two minutes' silence at 11 am, both on board aircraft and trains and in check-in and waiting areas. Virgin is encouraging the WH Smith group, which owns the Virgin Megastores, to close them on Saturday morning.

BAA, which operates Britain's main airports, said staff at terminals will observe two minutes' silence, as will Railtrack staff at mainline railway stations. The Venice Simplon Orient Express has cancelled its Saturday service, and Saturday's Air Day Wales at Cardiff international airport has been called off. The Red Arrows, which had been booked to perform there, may fly past at Heathrow.

The Princess Royal has decided not to attend the International Olympic Committee session in Lausanne to be held on Friday, on the eve of the funeral. The session will choose the venue for the 2004 Olympics.

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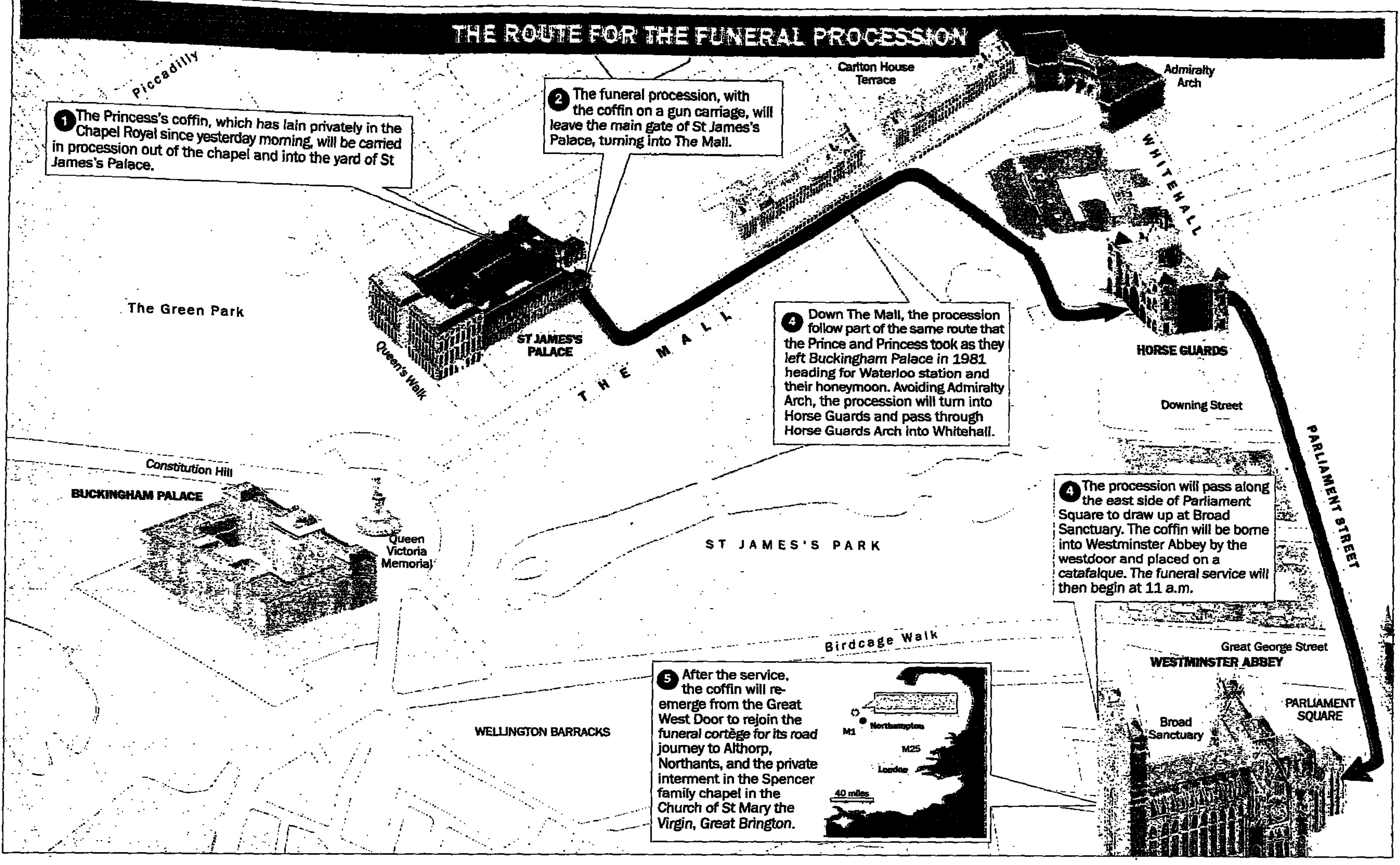


THE ROUTE FOR THE FUNERAL PROCESSION

① The Princess's coffin, which has lain privately in the Chapel Royal since yesterday morning, will be carried in procession out of the chapel and into the yard of St James's Palace.

② The funeral procession, with the coffin on a gun carriage, will leave the main gate of St James's Palace, turning into The Mall.

④ Down The Mall, the procession follow part of the same route that the Prince and Princess took as they *left Buckingham Palace in 1981* heading for Waterloo station and their honeymoon. Avoiding Admiralty Arch, the procession will turn into Horse Guards and pass through Horse Guards Arch into Whitehall.

④ The procession will pass along the east side of *Parliament* Square to draw up at Broad Sanctuary. The coffin will be borne into Westminster Abbey by the westdoor and placed on a *catafalque. The funeral service will* then begin at 11 *a.m.*

⑤ After the service, the coffin will re-emerge from the Great West Door to rejoin the *funeral cortège for its road* journey to Althorp, Northants, and the private interment in the Spencer family chapel in the *Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brington.*

Thousands testify to their sorrow

Alan Hamilton and **Adrian Lee** meet some who signed the books of condolence

CHILDREN, *in their innocence*, say it all. "Mummy," a young girl pleaded, tugging impatiently at her mother's arm, "I want to see Diana."

The queue to sign the books of condolence at St James's *Palace yesterday was numbered* in thousands throughout the day, stretching from the Friary Court entrance halfway down The Mall towards Admiralty Arch, a distance of several hundred *yards. Young and old, British* and foreign, stood patiently in line for up to three hours to say their private and personal farewells.

Many had met her. All had been touched by her in some way, however distant. Hundreds bore bouquets of flowers to add to the mounting *pile by the palace railings*, with white lilies the predominant bloom. Most did not mind the wait, and were prepared to spend *the entire* day if necessary shuffling forward in a quiet, subdued line.

Police admitted the mourners five at a time into the Long Corridor of the palace, where five books of black-edged pages, contained in black ring binders, were laid out on five tables *draped* in navy blue cloth beneath portraits of long-past military grandees. A fast-track *queue-jumping* route was established for ambassadors and VIPs, and was used yesterday afternoon by William Hague, the Tory party leader. Palace officials insisted, however, that all books were equal.

"I had to come," said Anne Kersey, the first in the queue. "I remember my father taking me, as a *little* girl, *when* the Queen's father died and was lying in state. It was the same sort of heavy feeling."

Mrs Kersey, originally from Cardiff, who arrived at the palace at 7.30am, more than two hours before the doors opened, said: "The scene inside was so beautiful, I thought I was going to faint." Overcome, she was led away in tears.

The *messages* left in the books were sad, sincere and often philosophical. An early mourner from Portland, Oregon, wrote: "*William* and *Harry*, your mother did not know how important she was to the entire world. She had courage and beauty. Do *not follow other people*: take your mother's path in life, and use her as an example."

Most were simpler, plain *and heartfelt expressions* of private feeling. Margaret Willson, who was second in the queue, wrote: "A sad *loss* to *the nation of a Princess* who meant so much to young and old. Your memory will live forever."

Mrs Willson, 52, of Sway, Hampshire, had travelled overnight from Ostend with her daughter, *Sally*, 25. "We were at a concert but as soon as we heard we just wanted to come and lay flowers," said Mrs Willson. "She was the people's Princess."

There were a few tears over the tables and in the queue outside, as people struggled to come to terms with an item of news that still seemed almost *beyond belief. Many of those* waiting were engrossed in memorial editions of the day's newspapers, *as though* seeking confirmation that the tragedy was true.

Reginald Haley, 66, originally from Guyana and now living in Hackney, east London, had donned his best dark suit and was prepared to wait all day.

"I am happy to dedicate my time to her," he said. "She has more friends in the world than anyone else. I met her once when she visited a hospice in Hackney, and I *shook her hand. She lived* within the people: she was a caring and loving mother. I would like to think that someone could take her place, but I don't know who."

Paul Broome, 23, and Lynda *Stubbings*, 21, student nurses from Colchester, Essex, had taken the day off and travelled *to London to pay* their last respects. Mr Broome carried a large bouquet of red and yellow flowers bought at Tesco on the way to the station. Miss Stubbings said: "She had a lot of time for a lot of different people. I'm *glad she had a little bit of* happiness at the end; it's such a shame it was so shortlived."

Vanessa Ha, 24, from Hong Kong, who is studying in London, clutched her own modest bunch of flowers to *add to the ever-growing pile*. She was at the end of the queue but did not mind that *she might have to wait all* afternoon. "Diana was a very caring person who tried to help those in need. I must do this for her," she said.

The Princess's body liesin the Chapel Royal, in another *part of St James's Palace*, where only her closest family and friends may visit.The atmosphere is redolent of monarchical history. In this chapel Charles I received Holy Communion before crossing the park to his *execution at Whitehall in* 1649. Here Victoria married Albert in 1840, as did the *future George V and Queen* Mary in 1893.

In its silent repose by the chapel altar, the body of the *Princess* lies beneath a richly adorned Holbein ceiling, where a painting commemo*rates the shortlived marriage* of Henry VIII to Anne of Cleves.

The books of condolence at the palace are open 24 hours a day until Friday night. By early yesterday evening the *queuing time to sign* had grown to five hours.

Everyone in the streets of *central London, it seemed*, was carrying flowers for the Princess: businessmen with briefcases, children clutching posies, pensioners had de*layed trips home and holiday*-makers who had returned from abroad.

At Kensington Palace, where the queues stretched half a mile, the mourners came at a rate of 6,000 an hour. Outside Harrods, people waited for 45 minutes to lay their bouquets. At *Buckingham* Palace, *thousands* at a time stood at the gates.

At each location the mounds of flowers grew steadily throughout the day. At Buckingham Palace, the *bunches were ten deep and* stretched 100ft by lunchtime and, biggest of all, at Ken*sington* Palace the *tributes* covered a quarter of a mile.

Many visitors were determined to tour every site, laying flowers at each. With *their grief was the realisation* that they were part of history.

Outside Buckingham Palace, Kathy Higgs, of Leytonstone, east London, who was celebrating her 80th birthday with relatives the day that the Princess died, said: "We will go to Kensington Palace later to take some *photographs and maybe on to* St James's. I felt I could not let the day pass without coming."

Raine Spencer, the Countess of Chambrun, the Princess's stepmother, was *among the visitors. Yesterday* afternoon she was shown the banks of flowers and talked to *visitors outside*.

At Kensington Palace an oil painting of flowers was nailed to a tree. Candles were lit beneath the Welsh flag and, *on a noticeboard, thousands* of people signed their names on pieces of white card. Flowers were crammed on to *park benches*, *pushed* through railings on to the palace lawns and hung from *the branches of trees*.

Sonia Williamson, 36, from Greenwich, southeast London, who was with her daughters, Amy, 5, and Emma, 8, said: "The girls wanted to put flowers outside *Diana's house*."

At the Young England Kindergarten, where the Princess *was working when she met* her former husband, a single teddy bear was placed at the letterbox. A bucket containing lilies and daisies sat at the door.

The roads around Knights*bridge and Kensington were* at a virtual standstill for much of the day.

At Harrods, *it was business* as usual, but one of the entrances was closed to allow visitors to sign books of condolence for Dodi Fayed and the Princess. A *framed* card bore their names and *dates of birth and death*.

Elena Dews, 14, from Muswell Hill, north London, *had pinned a note to the wall*. "To Dodi, I only knew you recently because of your rela*tionship with Princess Diana* but you made her so happy in the last few weeks of her life *that we thank you for it*."

Extra switchboard operators were employed to deal with hundreds of calls of sympathy. In the queue outside the department store were Carol Matthews, 45, and *her sister* Denise, 37, from Hillingdon, west London, who had already laid flowers at *St James's Park* and Buck*ingham Palace*.

"We are here because Dodi gave her some of the happiest *times of her life," said Denise* Matthews. The sisters also stood at the gates of RAF Northolt when the Princess's body was flown home on Sunday evening. Carol Matthews said: "I switched on my clock radio at 7.45 on Sunday. It was just total disbelief. Tears were falling from my eyes without me even realising it."

In other cities there were *similar scenes. Cardiff City* Hall became the focus for the Welsh tributes. Hundreds began queueing early to sign a Welsh National book of condolence which will remain open until after the funeral. Flowers were placed at the British embassy in Dublin.

The queue outside St James's Palace yesterday: the waiting grew to five hours, *but mourners said they were glad to give time to someone who had time for them*

Mixture of alcohol and machismo proved fatal

By Charles Bremner in Paris and Andrew Pierce

IT WOULD be hard to concoct a plot for more certain disaster than the fusion of alcohol, adrenalin and machismo that seems to have led to the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and their driver.

A late-night battle with a squadron of pillion-riding French paparazzi and their notoriously aggressive motorcycle drivers would have been bad enough after a hard day of cat-and-mouse around the streets of Paris. The choice of an allegedly drunk driver multiplied beyond measure the chance of disaster.

The driver, Henri Paul, had been on two courses at Mercedes Benz in Stuttgart for drivers of both bullet-proof and conventional limousines, and had learnt anti-terrorist and anti-hijacking techniques.

Michael Cole, the public affairs director of Harrods, said that M Paul, who was single, had been an officer in the French Navy. "Throughout his service with the Hotel Ritz there had never been a problem with him of any description. He was a conscientious and responsible member of staff. He was deputy head of security at the hotel, but he had driving duties from time to time."

The hotel said that he had been employed as a security assistant director for 11 years. During that time he would have not only been charge of security, but would "very often" have driven VIPs around town.

Mercedes Benz said yesterday that the model in which the Princess and Mr Fayed died was armour-plated. Because of their extra weight, such vehicles can be difficult to handle.

A few hours after the crash, Mohamed Al Fayed praised the driver of the car. A statement yesterday said: "Mr Al Fayed paid tribute to the chauffeur who had served the Hotel Ritz for many years and was an excellent driver and exceptional member of staff."

But it emerged yesterday that the driver's drunken condition was apparently well known to Ritz staff, who are believed to have alerted the photographers' lawyers several hours before police confirmed the blood test results.

One of the paparazzi's solicitors said last night: "An anonymous person called our office at 1pm today and said everybody at the Ritz knew that he was drunk when he left the hotel. It seems it was common knowledge. We planned to bring this to the attention of the investigating magistrate as soon as we were able to meet him."

The hotel said that M Paul met Mr Fayed and the Princess when they arrived by plane in Paris earlier in the day. He drove them into the city. They were then driven around by another chauffeur who was assigned to them.

While they were having dinner in the hotel, about 30 press men gathered at the entrance in the Place Vendome. Their car and a back-up car were brought to the front of the hotel and were both surrounded by the press, forcing the couple to leave by a rear exit. M Paul was sent to meet them.

Mr Fayed's usual chauffeur acted as a decoy. Some photographers chased him while M Paul left in the "standby-car" with the Princess and Mr Fayed.

M Paul's condition could account for a version of events given yesterday by Gilbert Collard, lawyer for one of the photographers. He said that the Mercedes driver had boasted to a motorcycle driver, "You won't be able to catch me" as he pulled away from the Ritz. The Princess and Mr Fayed were not wearing seatbelts, as required by French law.

According to Mr Cole, the pursuing photographers on their pillion seats flashed "blitz" lights into the driver's eyes. "It was like a stagecoach surrounded by Indians."

One high-powered motorcycle also weaved in front of the Mercedes S280 to slow it down. Mr Cole said: "One eyewitness said the heavy motorbike in front was turning right, in front of the car, to try an arrest it — try and stop it so the others could keep up. The others were around the car. I'm told they started taking pictures as it proceeded towards the Place de la Concorde."

Witnesses said the photographers, riding motorcycles, had surrounded the Mercedes before it entered the tunnel at the Pont de l'Alma. Within seconds the car slammed into a concrete post, spun and hit a tunnel wall.

Frédéric Maillez, an off-duty doctor who arrived on the scene moments after the crash, reported yesterday that the Princess "was unconscious ... moaning and gesturing in every direction.

"I saw that two people were dead and two were seriously hurt. I went back to my car to call emergency services and give them a first medical assessment before returning to the site with some of my equipment," he said on French television.

"I went to the aid of the young woman in the back who turned out to be Lady Diana. I did not recognise her immediately," Dr Maillez said. The Princess's head lay sideways on her shoulder, constricting her breathing. "I helped to free her upper respiratory tracts. I lifted her head and helped her breathe with an oxygen mask."

An American family who had been travelling past in a taxi described their shock at seeing photographers snapping off close-up pictures of the Princess as she lay, with part of her body forced through the windscreen. "Poor woman. Her head was turned to the side ... The other passengers weren't visible," said Robin Firestone. She and her husband, Jack, had not known of the victim's identity until they heard the news on Sunday.

About five photographers jostled to get past police, some of them trying to take pictures of the injured Princess from close range. "I know the difference between police and press photographers, with their long lenses, their vests and lots of equipment," Mrs Firestone said.

Amid the widespread eulogies to the late Princess, some of the French media took a a sharper line yesterday, depicting her as something of a willing accomplice in the media's celebrity machine. *Libération*, the main left-of-centre daily, said: "Diana died as she had lived, through the baleful spells of the dream machine ... What an extraordinary modern tale. The demi-urge of communication provoked the death of its own creation and the public that it was trying to satisfy cries 'murderer'."

Le Monde said Diana was the "incarnation of an epoch that practises, sometimes to the point of madness, the cult of the body, of hedonism, of physical beauty, an epoque in which the media stars are actors, models, grands couturiers ... The Princess moved in the global media village in which celebrities are by turn victims, accomplices and manipulators of the press."

The RAC said research showed that there were more incidents of drink-driving related accidents in France than in Britain. "People over the limit do not fear danger in the same way that those driving soberly do. Over-the-limit drivers have their tension levels reduced and also their reaction times are greatly reduced as is their judgment. All these factors combine to produce a situation where an accident is just waiting to happen."

Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire, said: "The question that needs to be asked is how the mother of a future king was allowed to be driven by someone over the limit. It is all very well to protect people from the IRA, but we should be able to protect them also from being driven by drunkards, a much more mundane but, as it turned out, fatal threat."

Lawrie Quinn, the MP for Scarborough and Whitby, said the question now needed to be asked why the Princess did not have a proper police driver for the vehicle. This is one of those questions which we will not get an answer to." He said that the disclosure about the driver demonstrated that people should not simply offer knee-jerk reactions to events.

Frédéric Maillez: said he saw Princess "moaning"

"Women often have an advantage": Chief Superintendent Martine Monteil, chief of the elite Criminal Brigade in the Paris police

A woman Maigret seeks the truth

"IMAGINE Catherine Deneuve playing Maigret." The image was used by *Le Figaro* to give a flavour of Chief Superintendent Martine Monteil, the chief of the elite Paris detective force that is investigating the accident.

Many a criminal has been thrown off guard by the appearance of Mme Monteil, the highest-ranking woman officer in the French force. An elegant Parisienne, the *patron* of the Brigade Criminelle looks far removed from a hard-bitten cop. However, Mme Monteil, 46, the daughter, grand-daughter and wife of police officers, prides herself on being a true *flic* down to her elegant fingernails.

"I'm not some movie star," she tells interviewers. "*Je suis flic*." In a well-publicised career, she has caught some of the toughest criminal gangs, rounded up drug dealers and, among other victories, put away Madame Claude, who tried to restart a network of high-class prostitutes five years ago.

Mme Monteil is said to have convinced her superiors of her grit and detective's instinct with a string of arrests when she was a senior officer in the late 1980s in the anti-drug brigade, one of the most demanding assignments in the force.

A law graduate who joined the Police Judiciaire, equivalent to the CID, Mme Monteil was appointed chief of the Criminal Brigade early last year after proving her worth as leader of the Brigade de Répression du Banditisme, a unit that uses muscular methods against organised crime. Like all her previous promotions, her appointment was given heavy media cover by a force that is struggling to humanise its image.

***La Crim*, as the Criminal Brigade is known, is a unit of 110 handpicked officers which handles major terrorist acts, high-profile murders and politically sensitive cases of all types.**

The unit, which is based at the Quai des Orfèvres, known to fans of Maigret, its most famous fictional member, would not normally tackle a car accident but the powerful international overtones made it the obvious choice for Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the interior minister.

Mme Monteil, a believer in leading from the front, has herself questioned each of the seven photographers detained since the crash, according to police sources. Persistance and quiet charm are the methods that produce the best results, she says.

She told *The Times* recently: "Women often have an advantage and can play on it skilfully. I once dealt with the case of a strangler rapist who'd killed several women. There had been a huge hunt.

"I used a big of psychology. I managed to get him to confess after the other inspectors had failed," she said.

Four photograhers to face charges after tunnel crash

Stephen Farrell looks at lawyers' claims that paparazzi are innocent

FOUR photographers were expected to be charged last night with failing to give assistance and flight from the scene of the accident, despite disclosures that the driver had been drunk. More serious charges seemed less likely and several photgraphers were expected to be released without charge.

William Bourdon, a lawyer for the Sipa agency, which had one photographer detained, said: "All the people who wanted to accuse the photographers and blame them for this should have been more cautious and prudent. The fact that the driver consumed alcohol ties in with the crazy speed at which he was driving. It just shows that no photographer was directly or indirectly involved with causing this accident. People should have been more careful before accusing them."

Lawyers and colleagues of the seven paparazzi yesterday gave accounts vastly different from the Fayed version of events. A source close to the legal team of Jacques Langevin, an award-winning photographer with the Sygma agency, claimed he arrived at the scene by accident. He pointed out that M Langevin was more used to covering news assignments in Africa and claimed he only happened to be on call that night when told to go to the Ritz.

He said: "The most important point to make is that he arrived after it happened, and he was in a car, not on a motorbike. He did not follow them. He could not because he had to walk to his car after they left and that took time. When you are on foot and you have Damon Hill in a Ferrari, you just say 'goodbye'."

He claimed that M Langevin had simply driven in the same direction and had arrived at the crash site after police but was still arrested by police who seized all his photographic equipment and films. He saw his lawyer for less than half an hour on Sunday evening and was reportedly "shocked" by the deaths. "He was just passing, perhaps on his way home. It is a main road. Everyone uses it. He is not a paparazzi at all, he is only on call once a month, and this happened to be his day."

M Langevin's legal team believe the police handling of the case was dictated by public pressure. "It is a special case. He should not have been arrested. The police were doing their job but perhaps a little excessively, because the victim was a celebrity and very popular both in France and in Britain," the source said.

Thierry Secretan, editor-in-chief of Sygma, confirmed lawyers' claims that his photographer did not chase the Mercedes. He said M Langevin went to the Ritz at 9pm, took an inoffensive picture of the couple leaving, then returned to a dinner party he had earlier left, driving the same route by chance.

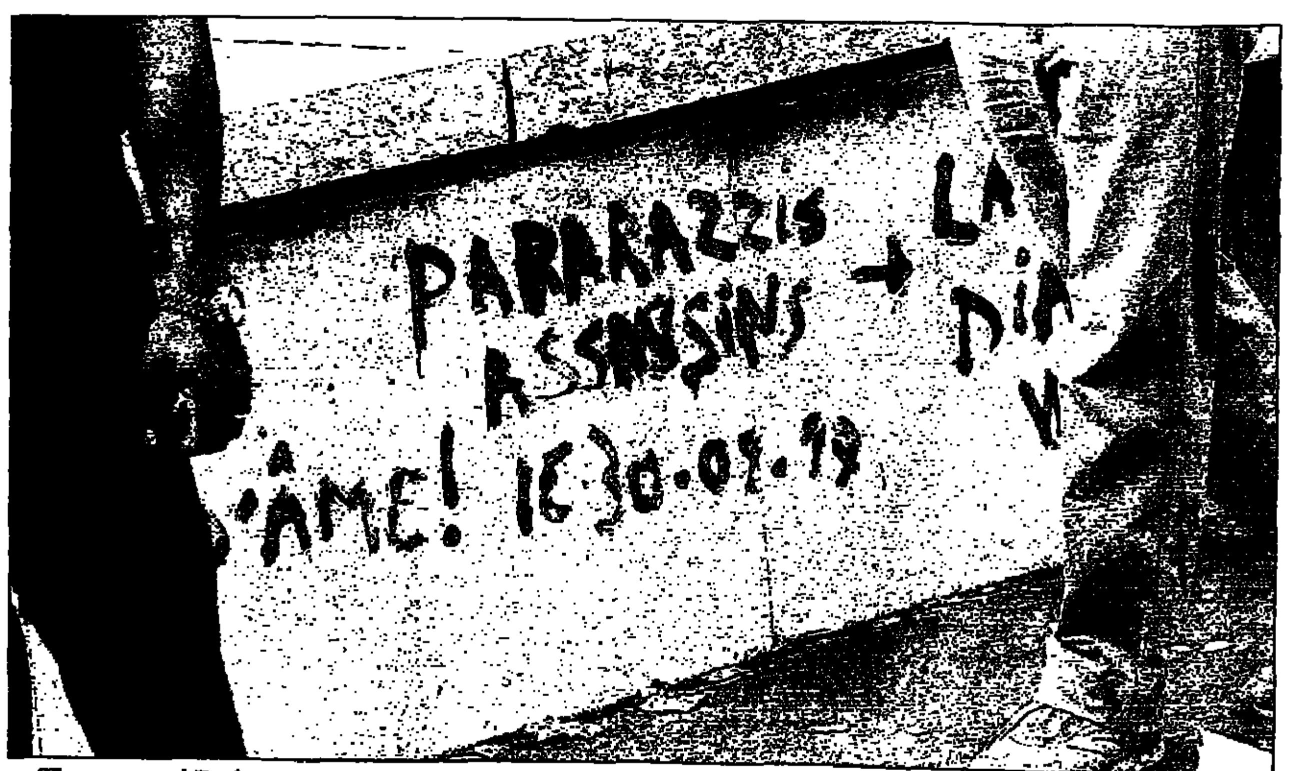
"When he arrived at the same time as the police cars he started to take pictures, as any professional would arriving at the scene of a major accident. He was arrested immediately. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

He expected M Langevin to be released later after discussions between the prosecutor and lawyers. "It is obvious from the pictures taken at the hotel that Diana was not running away from them to the car. She was relaxed. Who was responsible for hiring this driver, God knows?"

M Bourdon, the lawyer for Nicolas Arsov, a Sipa agency freelance photographer, said he believed his client was not at the Ritz but had simply been called to the scene of the accident as a news photographer. He added: "There is a risk of a witch-hunt. The pressure is enormous on the investigating judge and the police. .... My client did his job. He was told there was an accident, as far as I understand and it was his job to go. My client did not belong to this very tough, violent crowd of paparazzi. He is well known as a reasonable guy." He said he had been unable to see his client. M Bourdon said the prosecutor could release them without charge, or charge them, and bring them before an investigating judge. The judge could then release a suspect pending the outcome of an investigation, or keep him in custody.

One of the photographers being held by the French police has had a breakdown in custody, according to British cameraman Jason Fraser, the man who sold the first pictures of the Princess and Dodi Fayed on holiday together.

"I have already heard that a couple of the photographers involved in following the Princess of Wales in Paris have taken it very badly, as I'm sure they should. One of them I know, for instance, has taken it really, really badly and has had a breakdown over it. I think it is a very hard lesson that everyone has now learnt." He was speaking on LBC radio in London.



The outraged Paris public have been quick to brand the paparazzi as murderers in graffiti near the crash site

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Bodyguard's parents wait at bedside

Life and soul at the rugby club and trusted servant of the Fayeds. **Russell Jenkins** reports

THE parents of Trevor Rees-Jones, Dodi Fayed's bodyguard, were last night at his bedside at the Paris hospital where he is being treated for injuries sustained in the car crash that killed the Princess.

Doctors said Mr Rees-Jones had severe head and chest injuries, but that his condition was stable. His life was not in danger.

He is being treated at the Pitié Salpêtrière hospital, where the Princess was pronounced dead early on Sunday. Members of the French anti-criminal brigade are waiting to talk to Mr Rees-Jones, who is certain to provide key details of the moments leading to the fatal accident. Police hope to interview him within the next few days.

He will be held in the hospital's intensive care unit for several days and will not be flown back to England until next week, doctors said.

French police are still present in numbers outside the hospital gates and security guards were yesterday screening visitors next to a large mound of bouquets left by Parisians in memory of the Princess.

Relatives of the injured bodyguard reacted angrily last night to news that the driver in the crash had been drinking. Sarah Ann Rees, his grandmother, said: "It's dreadful to think an accident which killed three people and seriously injured my grandson was caused by drink. This is the most awful news and a terrific shock."

Trevor Rees-Jones's wife, Sue, mother and stepfather, Gill Rees and Ernie Jones, flew to France on Sunday and are staying at Mohamed Al Fayed's private residence in Paris waiting for news.

Ieuan Jones, the bodyguard's father-in-law, who is a dairy farmer near Oswestry, said that Trevor had serious facial, head and chest injuries. Surgeons had carried out a tracheotomy and he was breathing with the aid of a ventilator.

"They are waiting for the swelling on his face to go down before they can operate. He is in and out of consciousness. They said they had only seen his eyes open once but he was aware that they were there," he said.

Mr Jones, who hopes to fly out to Paris in a few days time, added: "I am sure that his Army training will have helped him to survive the crash. It is unbelievable that anyone came out of it alive."

Mr Rees-Jones, 29, lived an extraordinary double life, moving between his job protecting the Princess and Dodi Fayed and his life at home in a Shropshire village. He accompanied the Princess and his employer during their highly publicised holiday together in Sardinia.

The former paratrooper, who completed two tours of duty in Northern Ireland, confided only in his most immediate family about his role. At home he was known as the life and soul of the party at Oswestry Rugby Club was the soul of discretion. At Whittington, near the Welsh border, the 6ft 2in, 16-stone rugby player never spoke of his other job.

Mr Rees-Jones's physical and mental toughness came to the fore at the age of 17 when his father, Dr Colin Rees, a GP in Oswestry, died of a heart attack. He was one of three brothers.

He spent six years in the armed forces with two stints in Northern Ireland. He is said to be a former member of the close protection team of the Royal Military Police who protect VIPs.

Trevor Rees, who added his wife's maiden name to his own when he married, giving him the double-barrelled surname, Rees-Jones, joined the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment in August 1987.

The bodyguard to Dodi Fayed served with the regiment in Northern Ireland but did not take part in the Gulf War, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday. For his duties in Ulster he was awarded the General Service Medal with Northern Ireland clasp. He was a lance corporal when he left the Army in August 1992.

He joined Mohamed Al Fayed's team of bodyguards three years ago. Mr Jones said that he got the job after only one interview. "That is the mark of the lad," he said. "He has never once thought about exploiting his position or its spinoffs."

Two years ago he married his wife Sue, whom he met while they were both at Fitzalan School in Oswestry. Sue, once a buyer for Harrods, opened a kitchen and gift shop in Oswestry last October.

She first learned of the car crash in the early hours of Sunday as she and an Australian girlfriend were returning to Whittington from Oswestry after a meal. She overheard a report on the taxi radio.

Her family acknowledged that the marriage has hit a rocky patch in recent months. However Mr Jones said: "There is nothing in this world that would have stopped her from flying to Paris even if she had to cycle all the way there. I would like to tap him on the shoulder and tell him his dad's here." Mr Rees-Jones's grandmother, Sarah Ann Rees, said from her home in Llanfyllin in Mid Wales: "I knew he would survive. It is almost like having a sixth sense. He will get through it. He is a strong lad and he has been to hell and back, with his father dying ten years ago."

Trevor Rees-Jones and his wife Sue on their wedding day in Shropshire two years ago

Tears of sympathy: two Parisians wipe their eyes after signing the book of condolence at the British Embassy in Paris yesterday

How drink impairs the ability to drive

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

AT 175 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, even a large muscular man accustomed to drinking would have drunk about 13 units of alcohol: that is 6½ pints of beer, or nearly 1⅓ bottles of wine.

At 175mg a drinker is obviously drunk. He would not even be able to persuade an unsophisticated great aunt that he was sober. The voice would be slurred, vocabulary limited, conversation repetitive, movements clumsy and there would be character changes as self-control slipped.

The forceful would be becoming aggressive, the tense quarrelsome, the relaxed and jolly exuberant, and the dashing foolhardy. At this level of drinking even the experienced driver and *bon vivant* would lose judgment, muscular co-ordination and vision, the three essential qualities for safe driving.

The vision would be blurred and he would begin to suffer from double vision and his ability to focus would be severely reduced. This could produce night blindness as he entered the tunnel and his pupillary reaction would be slow to react to the changing light.

It is standard advice that any alcohol affects driving skills. Although this may be a wise doctrine research has shown that it is an oversimplification. It is hard to show any loss of driving skills in those who are accustomed to alcohol who have had two half pints, two glasses of wine or two tots of beer. At this level intellect is slightly sharpened.

The metabolism of alcohol takes place at a constant rate in any particular person. It is usually assumed that the average fit man metabolises alcohol — or sobers up — at the rate of one unit an hour. Experienced regular drinkers are thought to metabolise alcohol at a rate 25 per cent faster than this, but recent research has suggested that they may even increase this rate by a third.

A man, therefore, who had been drinking over a long period, during an evening for instance, must have metabolised some of the alcohol he had drunk by the time blood was collected, and so the final reading may well underestimate the amount drunk.

Blood should always be taken as soon as possible after death, but a delay of even a few hours would make little difference. Dr Sidney Rosalki, a consultant chemical pathologist, said: "Even the lapse of several hours would have little influence on the blood alcohol level if a suitable sample was collected. There would neither be a problem of evaporation of the alcohol, which might cause an artificial lowering of the figure, nor would there be any increase in the blood alcohol as the result of decomposition as a consequence of bacterial or yeast action.

"However experienced the heavy drinker, a blood alcohol level of over 150 mgs carries with it the presumption of intoxication, in layman's language the subject is drunk."

When there has been a long delay before blood has been collected after death, there are tables which will make the necessary correction in the estimate. Or, conversely, blood alcohol levels in other fluids which are sterile, such as those inside the eye, is possible.

At 50 milligrams per cent, three drinks or thereabouts, which is the French legal limit, judgment may not longer be so sharp or reaction as quick, and tests will show that most, but not all, people's driving is no longer at its best. At 80 milligrams per cent, the British courts have decided that driving is impared to the point when it could be a danger to oneself, or other road users.

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Sapphire and diamond brooch the Princess added to a multi-strand pearl choker

TIM GRAHAM

The Queen Mary pearl and diamond tiara, given to the Princess by the Queen at her wedding. It is the centrepiece of the Princess's collection

William and Harry to inherit bulk of fortune

By Frances Gibb and Richard Ford

PRINCES William and Harry will be the main beneficiaries of the will drawn up by Diana, Princess of Wales, at the time of her £17 million divorce.

The divorce settlement was complex, with a proportion of the fortune being held in various trusts. While the bulk of what was given to the Princess is likely to pass to her two children.not everything will automatically do so. The Princess had no property, as she lived in a grace and favour apartment at Kensington Palace, which will eventually become a home for another member of the Royal Family. The Palace provides homes for Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. The use of property such as Kensington Palace would have been granted for her lifetime, as would have other facilities and possibly certain jewellery, such as family heirlooms. The Princess inherited a small sum on the death of her father, the 8th Earl Spencer, which was invested for her.

The £28,500 engagement ring given by the Prince

The Princess will have nominated executors, who are likely to include her solicitor, Anthony Julius, as well as an accountant and probably a member of the family.

Susan Midha, head of the personal estates planning department at Manches, the London law firm, said that the divorce settlement was likely to have contained a clause preventing either party from challenging the original deal on the ground that it was made for a longer life expectancy.

She said that the Princess was also likely to have named trustees who will manage the funds for the children, at least until they are 18. These trustees may or may not be the same as the executors. The trustees may have been granted flexibility to ensure that the children receive funds according to their needs, and that Prince William is not in a much more advantageous position as a future heir to the throne. The question of a guardian for the children is unlikely to arise as the Prince of Wales is still alive.

Ms Midha said one of the executors is likely to have been appointed to deal with the Princess's personal effects, such as dresses, jewellery and papers. "When the residue is established, that would go to the boys and be managed by the trustees." She added: "She could even have appointed a literary executor to be in charge ot her papers and exploit them for the benefit of the will beneficiaries."

Richard Bark-Jones, a probate lawyer with Morecroft Urquhart in Liverpool, said the executors would be likely to apply for the grant of probate within six months. At that stage the will would be a public document and the total value, but not the details, of the estate, both gross and net of inheritance tax, would be known. The executors could delay longer, but that would "tie the money up", he said.

The multimillion-pound collection of jewellery given to the Princess by the Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her engagement and marriage will return to the Royal Family. Under the terms of her divorce settlement, the Princess agreed that items special to the Royal Family would revert to them on her death. The deal ensured that royal jewels would not be sold on the open market, where they would fetch huge prices because of their links with the monarchy. But individual items given to her by the Prince of Wales, including her £28,500 sapphire and emerald engagement ring, were for the Princess to leave to whom she wished.

At the time of the divorce settlement, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "The Princess has agreed that jewels given to her by the Royal Family will remain with her for her lifetime, and thereafter, as is the tradition, will revert to the family".

It was unclear last night whether jewellery, including a sapphire and diamond pendant and matching bracelet that was given to the Princess by Saudi Arabia, or other gifts given to her during state visits, would be among the gems returning to the Royal Family or would have been for the Princess to dispose of as she wished.

Her personal papers, diaries and clothes were also for the Princess to will to whom she wished. A Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night: "Papers and dresses were her's to do as she wished with. Where they go depends on her will."

Before her marriage, the Princess owned little spectacular jewellery and after the separation and divorce was rarely seen wearing gifts such as those from the Queen and the Queen Mother. Among the pieces of jewellery returning to the Royal Family will be gems worn by Queen Mary, wife of George V, and Queen Alexandra, wife of Edward VII. The most important piece in her collection is the Queen Mary tiara, which was made by Garrard, the crown jewellers, in 1914 and was a personal gift to the Princess from the Queen on her marriage. The Queen also gave the Princess an art deco style emerald and diamond necklace which the Princess later wore as a headband during a tour of Australia. It, too, had belonged to Queen Mary, the Queen's grandmother.

The Princess's engagement present from the Queen Mother was a chain with a diamond Prince of Wales feather oval pendant and emerald drop. It once belonged to Queen Alexandra. On her wedding day the Queen Mother gave the Princess an oval Sri Lankan sapphire brooch set with diamonds. The Princess, who rarely wore brooches, made it the centrepiece of a multi-strand pearl choker. It is estimated that this alone could fetch more than £1.5 million.

Necklaces, bracelets and rings given to the Princess by her husband included the engagement ring, an art deco emerald and diamond bracelet, matching earrings, an inscribed gold medallion to mark the birth of Prince William, and a black and white pearl necklace for her 21st birthday.

The Princess is likely to have willed most of this personal collection of jewellery to her children for eventual use by their respective wives.

Lawyers who had worked for the Princess in the past did not know last night whether the executors of her estate would be able to prevent commercial companies from exploiting her memory.

The Princess recognised her value to the commercial sector, saying in her 1995 *Panorama* interview: "You see yourself as a good product that sits on a shelf and sells well and people make a lot of money out of you."

Majesty magazine once calculated that the Princess generated £14.5 million of free publicity every year for the products she bought.

Charities discuss ways to keep a potent force for good

Suggestions include an annual fundraising day in the Princess's name, and a special foundation or trust, reports **Alexandra Frean**

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CHARITIES that had close ties with the Princess are to join forces to launch a memorial to her work for the voluntary sector.

Under consideration are a Princess Diana Foundation or Trust Fund. Another option is the declaration of an annual fundraising "Diana Day".

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations is writing to the Princess's favourite charities, including the six with which she had formal links, to ask for their views on the establishment of a "long-lasting and fitting tribute or memorial" to her.

Adam Gaines, the council's director of public affairs, said that the Princess had become a potent symbol for the entire voluntary sector, raising awareness of difficult and controversial issues as well as raising funds for charities' coffers.

"We want to help the sector to remember her contribution. A trust fund in the Princess's memory is one idea, so is the dedication of a particular day of the year to her. Given her particular ability to communicate and to make people feel cared for, we will want to focus on ways of reflecting that," he said.

The council's proposals came amid a flood of calls to charities linked with the Princess from members of the public wanting to know how they could make donations as a tribute to her work.

Although all of the charities linked to the Princess believe that it is still too early to decide what to do to mark her life, many yesterday responded positively to the council's proposals for a lasting memorial.

While most charity managers say it is impossible to put a precise value on the contribution the Princess brought to their work, all agree that she was a powerful fundraiser as well as a potent ambassador for their causes, and most are keen to ensure that this contribution continues in some form. Some estimates have put the Princess's monetary contribution to the charitable sector at £11 million a year, through her backing for fundraising campaigns.

Many charities believe that the Princess gave them something that money simply could not buy. Gavin Hart, a spokesman for the National Aids Trust, said: "In terms of raising awareness about Aids, her value as an ambassador was incalculable."

Mr Hart said it was important for the achievements to be honoured appropriately. "We are keen to take part in any discussion about that," he added.

In the meantime, the trust has opened a "book of hope" to collect tributes and messages of affection from people with HIV and Aids and their friends and families. It is also opening a bank account to collect donations from members of the public wanting to pay tribute to the Princess.

Anna Barlowe, spokeswoman for the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, said that proposals for a lasting memorial to the Princess were "a lovely idea". The hospital has set up a memorial fund in the Princess's name. It has also decided to turn a fundraising concert on November 12, planned in conjunction with the Royal Academy and due to have been attended by the Princess, into a memorial concert.

The British Red Cross said it, too, would be interested in taking part in discussions on a lasting memorial. Yesterday it invited members of the public wanting to mark the Princess's death to contribute to its Landmine Appeal.

A spokeswoman for Barnardo's, with which the Princess had close ties for 12 years before her divorce was finalised last year, said: "In principle, a special day to remember Diana would be a very good idea."

Richard Corbett, the Labour MEP for Merseyside West, said he would be willing to lend a hand in establishing a Princess Diana Fund, which could benefit charities with which she was most closely associated. "I am sure that if this were done speedily, it could raise an enormous amount of money and would not be incompatible with any future plans," he said.

The Princess in May visiting rehearsals for *Swan Lake* by the English National Ballet, of which she was patron

☐ For Marilyn Ecton, from Kirkham, Lancashire, who met the Princess as she battled against breast cancer, the most recent letter she received is the most poignant. It was written last week on board the yacht at St Tropez. Mrs Ecton, 56, said she was deeply touched by the continuing concern of the Princess. "She said she was most encouraged at hearing about the sale of her dresses and how they had raised vast amounts for charity."

Prince to shoulder the main burden of bringing up sons

Tiggy Legge-Bourke, who cared for the Princes, would seem the obvious choice to provide the boys with hugs, writes **Emma Wilkins**

THE Prince of Wales will take prime responsibility for comforting Prince William and Prince Harry as they grieve for their mother. He may, however, decide to seek further practical help from Tiggy Legge-Bourke, his former personal assistant who was responsible for the Princes' care until earlier this year.

Miss Legge-Bourke, 31, is held in great affection by both the young Princes who adore her warmth, kindess and high sprits.

Relations between the Princess and Miss Legge-Bourke were cool, partly because their styles were so similar: both have always shown affection in a very tactile way and shower the young princes in hugs and kisses.

A photograph of Miss Legge-Bourke hugging Prince Harry, 12, at Sandringham, just before Christmas particularly upset the Princess. She felt the Royal assistant ought not to have made such an affectienate display in front of the cameras, but Prince Harry's delight was clear for all to see.

In the absence of any other suitable figure, Miss Legge-Bourke would seem the obvious choice for providing the boys with much needed hugs. While the Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother adore the young Princes, their styles are of a different, less demonstrative generation

Although she left her job in the Prince of Wales' office, at St James's Palace, at Easter, Miss Legge-Bourke has continued to see the boys during their weekends and school holidays at Highgrove, the Prince's home in Gloucestershire. Her relaxed style and good humour made Miss Legge-Bourke the ideal guest for Prince William, 15, to invite to Eton College's Fourth of June celebrations this summer. Before Miss Legge-Bourke was hired as the Prince of Wales' personal assistant in 1993, she worked at Mrs Tiggywinkles nursery school in London and so has experience of caring for children — a training she has in common with the Princess. But it is her natural charm and warmth more than any learned skills that make her such a comforting and endearing figure.

> ‘Her relaxed style and good humour made her the ideal guest for Prince William to invite to Eton this summer’

She has excellent credentials and fits easily into Royal circles: her mother Shan Legge-Bourke is *lady-in-waiting* to the Princess Royal.

Miss Legge-Bourke, whose family live on a 6,000-acre estate in Powys, is said to refer to the Princes as "my babies".

Her father William is director of the merchant bank, Kleinwort Benson, and her mother is the daughter of the late Lord Glanusk. She shares a love of country sports with the Prince of Wales — enjoying hunting shooting and fishing. The former headgirl of Heathfield School, is also a regular in the annual Royal skiing party at Klosters.

The Princes' relationship with their aunts, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, is warm but both women have husbands and children of their own to care for. Lady Sarah, 42, is married to Lincolnshire farmer, Neil McCorquodale, and the couple have three children, George, 13, Emily, 14 and Celia, eight.

Lady Jane, 40, who is married to Sir Robert Fellowes — the Queen's Private Secretary — lives next door to her sister at Kensington Palace. She has three children Alexander, 14, Laura, 17, and Eleanor 12.

Similarly, the Princess Royal has two children of her own plus a new husband. Moreover, she has made no secret of her practical rather than an emotional response to motherhood.

The most important figure for the young Princes will, of course, be their father. His huge responsibility in bringing them up alone will not be shared by Camilla Parker Bowles, his long-term companion. Mrs Parker Bowles has never met the Prince's sons and is highly unlikely to do so in the near future.

She will, however, provide the Prince of Wales with words of comfort and advice. Her own son, Tom, who is at Oxford University, is the Prince's godson. The Duke of Edinburgh, whom the Prince found to be such an authoritarian and distant father, is immensely proud of his grandsons. But, at 76, his role in their upbringing is more likely to be that of wise counsellor than active participant.

The Princes are fond of their cousins, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, and aunt, the Duchess of York. While she wants to offer the Princes any support they need, it is unlikely that Buckingham Palace would want the Duchess to actively participate in their upbringing.

The Princes are also close to Emilie van Cutsem and her husband Hugh, a landowner. The couple have children of similar ages to the Princes. The family accompanied the Prince of Wales and the Princes on safari in Kenya and Tanzania during the Easter holiday.

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Prince Harry with Tiggy Legge-Bourke at a polo event in July. She is held in great affection by both the young Princes

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coroner sets first royal inquest

An inquest into the death of the Princess will be held in London once the French authorities have provided detailed evidence to the coroner (Richard Ford writes). It will be conducted by Dr John Burton, coroner to the Royal Household, who will hear evidence from pathologists and witnesses.

Harry Brown, coroner's officer, said yesterday that he believed it was the first time in history that a inquest had been held on a member of the Royal Family. An inquest on Dodi Fayed will be carried out by the Surrey coroner.

Flag lowered

Windsor Castle broke with protocol to fly the Union Flag at half mast, after public complaints. Because the castle and the Tower of London are royal fortresses, the flag always flies at full mast except on the death of the Sovereign. However, castle officials said: "The public must be seen to be listened to." At Balmoral the Royal Standard — which flies where the Monarch is in residence — has remained in its usual position.

Games proceed

Thousands of people will attend the annual Braemar Highland games close to Balmoral Castle on Saturday, after organisers said that palace officials had told them to go ahead with the event. As the Princess's funeral takes place in London, athletes, pipers and members of the Armed Forces will compete in the games. At 11.00am the athletes will observe a period of silence and a piper will play the lament, *Flowers of the Forest*.

Funeral on TV

BBC1 is expected to provide a continuous broadcast on the funeral from early on Saturday, simultaneously with Radio 4, Radio 5 Live and Radio 1. ITN will also cover the event throughout the day. Channel 4 has cancelled three programmes felt to be inappropriate: last night's hospital documentary *Coma* and tonight's hospital documentary *Trauma* and the 1965 film *Darling*, about a celebrity's tragic death.

Launch delay

The Duchess of York has postponed a press conference in New York tomorrow at which she was to have unveiled a "new, ultra-simple diet" for Weight Watchers. The much-touted event will now be held at a "more appropriate" time. There are also reports that Sotheby's will postpone its auction in New York of the personal effects of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, which was scheduled to have begun next week.

Sons may lose their London home

By Emma Wilkins

PRINCE WILLIAM and Prince Harry are expected to stay at Balmoral with their father, the Queen and other members of the Royal Family until they travel to London for the funeral on Saturday.

Until now, the boys had spent half their school holidays with the Princess and half with the Prince. Their occasional weekends out of school were also scrupulously divided between the Prince and Princess.

While no definite arrangements have been made, it seems likely that the young Princes will leave their London home at Kensington Palace. The Palace had been home to the Princess since her marriage to the Prince. It also houses Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Household.

The Prince of Wales moved out of Kensington Palace before the couple separated officially in 1993. When he is in London, he stays at his flat at St James's Palace.

The Prince's estate at Highgrove in Gloucestershire is the boys' other home, and it is likely that they will now make that their base. The young Princes also have bedrooms at Balmoral, and at Sandringham, the Queen's Norfolk estate, where they spend every Christmas.

The new arrangement could mean that Camilla Parker Bowles, who lives at Lacock in Wiltshire, about 30 minutes' drive from Highgrove, will spend less time at Highgrove, as the Prince has undertaken that his sons will not be introduced to her. At the moment, Mrs Parker Bowles visits the Prince most weekends when he is in residence. However, since the boys often remain in school at weekends, or receive day visitors at school, Mrs Parker Bowles will still be able to visit the Prince at his country home.

While they are at Highgrove, Prince William and Prince Harry enjoy shooting and fishing with their father. The country pursuits are in sharp contrast to the outings they used to share in London with their mother — go-kart racing, the cinema or accompanying the Princess on visits to deprived people in the capital.

Among the most glamorous treats the Princess arranged for her elder son was an invitation for Cindy Crawford, the supermodel, to come to tea at Kensington Palce so that William could meet her.

Eton and its ‘second family’ is likely choice for Harry

Boarding schools are not the harsh institutions of Victorian times and the brothers will get the best pastoral care there, writes **David Charter**

ETON is likely to be the Prince of Wales's choice for his younger son next year so that Prince Harry can be with Prince William and his trusted housemaster, Dr Andrew Gailey.

The princes will miss a week of term, due to start this week, on compassionate leave from their boarding schools. Both Eton, where 15-year-old William is about to start his third year, and Ludgrove, the prep school in Berkshire where Harry, 13 on September 15, is to start his final year, pride themselves on strong pastoral care, making them "second families" to their boys.

The main duty of emotional care for both princes will fall upon the wives of the two men in day-to-day charge of their education.

William had not been looking forward to the start of term at £12,600-a-year Eton because the Palace was trying to persuade him to take part in a photocall there on the first day of term tomorrow.

He has lost an ally in his own battle to avoid the media with the death of his mother, whom he is believed to have telephoned last week to complain about the photocall.

William is in Manor House at Eton, where Shauna Gailey, the wife of the housemaster, will be on hand to offer him comfort.

Andrew Gailey himself is said to be "outstanding" in his care of the 50 boys in the house. He and Mrs Gailey were a great comfort to William during and after the break-up of his parents' marriage last spring.

While the Gaileys will act as surrogate guardians for William at Eton, he can also count on strong support from his "extended family" of close friends who share his house. The group who eat and live together include three boys who were with William at Ludgrove. They are Andrew Charlton, who went to Euro Disney with Prince William and his mother last year, Johnny Richards, who shares his love of rugby, and Harry Walsh, the former captain of Ludgrove.

There is no set system for dealing with bereavement at Eton and decisions on whether William is excused lessons or homework will be taken on a day-to-day basis, in consultation with the Prince of Wales.

Relatives and friends are free to visit him during term time and there is no requirement to remain at school over the weekend.

An Eton source said yesterday: "Things are not as they were in Victorian times. Many of the boys go away at weekends. Eton is very much their second family. The boys' prime source of loyalty is their house and they get to know each other very well. Eton, with its 25 different houses, is like 25 different schools, so there is a very close support group for him here."

He added: "We have to cope with family bereavements from time to time, as well as illness and separation, so you get used to recognising there is not a correct way of handling it which suits every individual. Things will not be able to be done simply on day one, but over a long period."

Prince William, who is happy at Eton, is likely to stay until the completion of his A levels at 18. Prince Harry's educational future has seemed less certain in recent years as he proved something of a late developer academically.

At first, the Princess did not want either of her sons to go to boarding school until they were 13, but came round to the idea when she saw how happy they were at Ludgrove. The Waleses seemed to have little disagreement over the boys' schooling, and Eton was as much Diana's choice as Charles's, with inside knowledge provided by her father and brother, both Etonians.

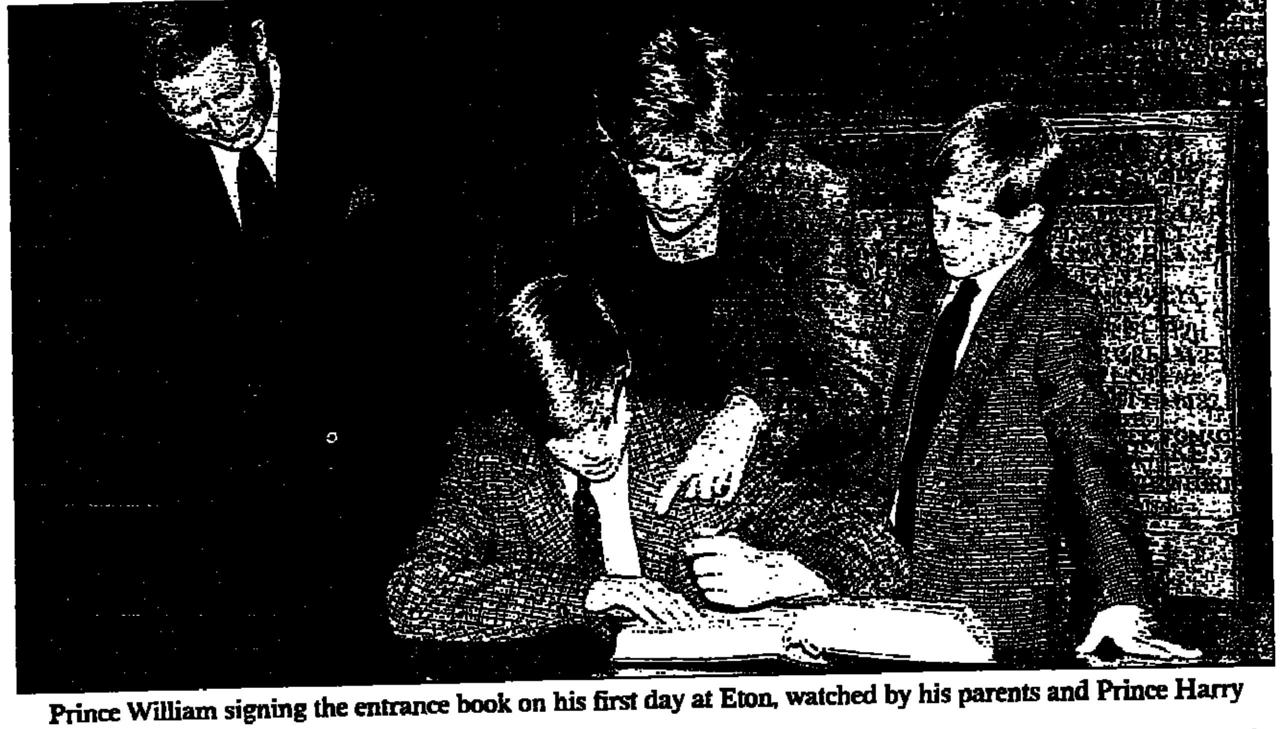
Prince Harry has repeated a year at Ludgrove, staying to mature and find his feet academically. But he too is very happy there and will receive his main comfort from Janet Barber, the matron and headmaster's wife. Gerald Barber, the head, said yesterday: "We have got tremendous back-up here. When we had a sadness here last year we dealt with it together."

The original plan for Harry to follow William was given a boost by a recent decision by John Lewis, Head Master of Eton, to relax its strictly academic entry criteria, which would benefit the more sporty Harry. His parents were said to be considering Radley College in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, but Radley is just as academic as Eton, which has the added advantage of William and his trusted housemaster to look out for him.

☐ The prayers of children returning to school this week will focus on Prince William and Prince Harry, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday. In secondary schools especially pupils would be the same age and old enough to understand what they were going through.

Schools that have already started tackled the tragedy with their pupils yesterday. At Queniborough Primary School, near Leicester, the infants made a list of Diana's "special qualities" after prayers were said at assembly.

Chris Davis, the head teacher, said: "We are going to have the list displayed in the hall so we can have a centre for reflection, with a large picture of Diana." The Princess's top five qualities according to the four to seven-year-olds were: helping people, looking after the world, shaking hands with very poorly people, being a princess and collecting lots of money to help people.



Prince William signing the entrance book on his first day at Eton, watched by his parents and Prince Harry

Grief for Diana is without borders

Jonathan Mirsky and Glen Owen

report on the world's mourning

THE death of the Princess of Wales was mourned around the world yesterday, across continents and through language barriers.

In Hong Kong, a book of remembrance was opened at the British Consulate-General as hundreds of people left flowers outside the building.

Francis Cornish, the Consul-General, who was the Princess's deputy private secretary in the early 1980s, said: "We are really very touched that since midday on Sunday so many people have telephoned and spoken to us to express their sense of shock and loss, and by the flowers which countless people have brought round. It is very moving."

Mothers and children, businessmen and the elderly, and people of all races came to pay their respects. One left a single white rose dedicated to the Princess's sons. Among those who signed the book were Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary, Daniel Fung, the Solicitor-General, and Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party.

In Sydney, more than 1,000 mourners took part in a Mass for her in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, one of scores of memorial services across the country. Flags in state capitals flew at half mast and remembrance books opened in most British consulates.

The Australian Parliament passed a condolence motion before rising for an hour as a sign of respect. John Howard, the Prime Minister, told parliament that the Princess was a "beautiful, stylish" person who "in a relatively short life experienced what many would regard as both the highs and lows of the ultimate public life".

The scenes were repeated across the Far East, with bouquets left outside the British High Commission in Malaysia and books of condolence opened at the embassies in Thailand and Bangladesh.

In Japan, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, paid his respects, bowing before the Princess's picture at the British Embassy. "I would like to express my condolences," he said before criticising the media's treatment of her.

"I do not think it is in good taste to chase any private person," Mr Hashimoto said. "I guess she hated it. It is natural that [the media] should be asked to show self-restraint and they cannot help but come in for criticism."

"This could not happen here," an official of the Imperial Household Agency, which guards the privacy of members of the Japanese Royal Family, said. "Members of the Imperial Family do not have time to walk around on their own."

At the British Embassy in Washington, the closed gates were festooned with flowers and personal tributes, with single burning candles left overnight. One note read simply: "Diana — in peace at last." The tributes outside the embassy included books, balloons, stuffed animals, poems and a queen of hearts playing card.

Ryutaro Hashimoto paid his respects in Tokyo while King Hussein, below right, signed the book of condolence in Amman. Below left: mourners at a Mass in Sydney

New Yorkers mourn 'queen of the world'

*The Princess's confident glamour and the dynamic glitz of Manhattan gave each a special and enduring affection for the other, writes **Tunku Varadarajan***

IT TAKES a lot to make an entire city despondent, especially when that city is as cussed, as opinionated, and as anarchic as New York. But the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has sent New Yorkers into a tailspin of civic sorrow.

The Princess had a special relationship with New York. She visited the city at least once a month, setting high society here alight with her poise, her glamour and her *chutzpah*. She frequently expressed her fondness for Manhattan and tongues wagged often of a "likelihood" that she would one day make her home in its glitzy bosom.

New York loves royalty, and is home to more blueblood than any other city in the world. In this diaspora of the royal dispossessed, the Princess was dynamite. She was the mother of the heir to the British throne. She was winsome. She was never clad in anything but the finest couture. She even worked out regularly, a huge asset in a city that prizes muscled arms and crisp abdomens as much as it does money and intelligence.

New York City was made for the Princess as she was made for it. The two fed off each other, existing in a kind of glamorous symbiosis. New Yorkers never tire of talking about her. My barber, Mr Gomez, told me that he had a "Diana conversation" with a customer at least three or four times a day.

The handsome Carlyle Hotel, where the Princess usually stayed when visiting New York, flew its flags at half-mast yesterday. "She certainly was loved in New York and seemed to respond very well to that," said Dan Camp, the hotel president. "There was a relaxed way about her being when she was in this city."

Giuliani: "the city loved her very much"

Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor of New York, was "horrified" by her death. He said: "I remember her saying that she loved New York City. New York City loved her very, very much."

New Yorkers took her to their hearts eight years ago, when she made the first of several visits without the Prince of Wales. That admiration reached its apogee in June when the Princess braved the badlands of the Bronx to visit an ailing Mother Teresa. "One brief flash lit up the Bronx," wrote a commentator in the *Daily News* yesterday.

She did, indeed, light up the Bronx. Present on that occasion, I witnessed how impoverished residents, drawn out from their tenements near by as if by some magnet, cheered the Princess as she stepped out on to the street. As a crowd gathered, a gap-toothed, elderly black woman tugged at my sleeve. "Who's coming?" she asked me. "Princess Diana," I told her. "Oh, Lawd," she gasped. "Dear Lawd. I have never seen Lady Diana. I thank you, sir. I thank you."

More recently, the Princess was embraced by the city for the generous manner in which she offered her vast collection of dresses for auction at Christie's, with the proceeds going to charity. In the eyes of New Yorkers, the occasion encapsulated the qualities of the Princess: elegance, glamour, selflessness and benevolence, all tied together with a firm thread of good humour.

Since the news of her death, hundreds of citizens have left flowers at the British Consulate. Many have left little notes. NaZeela Forbes, from Harlem, was one of them. Why was she there, I asked her? Why did she leave a bunch of roses for someone she had never met? "She was my idol," Miss Forbes replied. "She was the queen of the world. That's why."

Minute's silence at mine talks

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

DELEGATES from more than 100 countries attending negotiations to ban antipersonnel landmines stood for a one-minute silence yesterday in memory of the Princess of Wales. With their heads bowed, the delegates paid their respects in honour of her dedicated campaign to rid the world of the mines.

They were meeting in Oslo to negotiate a draft treaty banning the use, export, production and stockpiling of antipersonnel landmines, which, if agreed, will be signed in Ottawa in December. Although countries joining the negotiations, including Britain, have done so voluntarily, the treaty will be binding on all those who sign. The main mine producers, Russia and China, are not attending the meeting.

On the first day of the negotiations yesterday, the part played by the Princess in giving the issue worldwide attention was recognised by the delegates. Opening the proceedings, Bjorn Tore Godal, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, said that the death of the Princess, the world's most prominent campaigner against landmines, had left a deep impression.

"Three weeks ago Princess Diana visited the minefields in Bosnia. Once again she demonstrated her deep concern for the millions of innocent victims and emphasised how important she felt it was to ban landmines.

"We shall spare no efforts at this conference to achieve the goals she had set for herself." The Princess had been invited to attend the three-week conference.

The most important recent development was the decision by the United States to send a delegation, after initially being sceptical about the value of a voluntary agreement. The Americans focused their efforts on a global ban being negotiated by the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. However, President Clinton changed his mind and agreed to join the so-called Ottawa process. Appeals by the Princess were thought to have influenced him.

The Oslo talks are expected to be tough, with the Americans demanding the right to keep landmines on the Korean peninsula. North Korea is separated from South Korea by a heavily mined border.

In Paris, Jacques Lang, head of the foreign affairs committee in the National Assembly, said that it would be "an act of justice" for the treaty to be called the Princess Diana Treaty.

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PRINCESS: THE NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

A scoop is not worth a life, says world press

The face that launched a thousand exclusives filled the front pages of papers on every continent yesterday

ACROSS the globe, from flagship broadsheet to obscure provincial journal, the world's press has devoted pages to the death of the Princess.

The Italian press yesterday accepted a degree of guilt. "Forgive us, Princess," was the front-page headline in *L'Unità*. "A scoop is not worth a life," said *Il Messaggero*, the Rome daily. "This summer's scoop of 'The Kiss' made us smile at the time, but now we feel ashamed. She had an absolute right to liberty despite being royal and famous."

La Repubblica, under the headline "Dancing with the Devil", said: "An incessant and obsessive avalanche of words and images buried the reality of her life, denying her respect and space to breathe."

But *La Stampa* said that "kings and queens have no right to privacy". "Fairy tales don't always have happy endings," said the writer Enzo Biagi in *Corriere della Sera*. "She was pursued not only by the paparazzi but also by her own melancholy destiny."

German editorials blamed the accident on readers' "sick greed" for sensational news. The conservative *Frankfurter Allegmeine Zeitung* said "the public's frivolous greed for news of a risqué nature from world celebrities and the cynicism of a trade which knows no scruples in its bid to push its circulation ultimately killed Diana".

> ❛ She was pursued not only by the paparazzi but by melancholy destiny ❜

Spain's press said that the public reaction to the Princess's death was comparable only to that after President Kennedy's assassination. "Diana is wept for across five continents. There has been nothing like it since Kennedy," ran the headline for *El Mundo*'s 12 pages of coverage.

It was the lead story in all of the country's daily newspapers. "The law should protect us from unscrupulous people who invade and violate people's privacy. Their work has nothing to do with real journalism," fumed the conservative *ABC* newspaper.

But the popular weekly gossip magazines, for whom the Princess was a favourite subject, leapt to the defence of the photographers who supply them. Julian Navarro, Editor of *Semana* magazine, said: "Popular personalities shouldn't try to escape. Photographers only chase them when they refuse to pose." Manuel Pérez, a spokesman for Spain's Association of the Press, predicted: "The paparazzi will exist forever. If there are photos of Diana in the accident then they will be published."

In America, the Princess's death was given blanket coverage for a second day. Every major metropolitan newspaper, and many provincial ones, carried an editorial on the subject in addition to eloquent obituaries, life stories and moving accounts of the Prince of Wales's return to Britain with the coffin. *The New York Post*, in a "Princess Di Special Edition" running to 18 pages, spoke of a sea of grief washing across the world. Richard Johnson, the Post's diarist, wrote of the impact of the accident on Kelly Fisher, the Californian model who had was sueing Dodi Fayed for allegedly breaking their engagement: "Kelly collapsed ... in shock and sobbing uncontrollably." In the *Amarillo Globe-News*, a tiny Texan broadsheet, typical of the hundreds of local newspapers that mould America's public opinion, a pithy editorial said: "Diana bravely took on unpopular causes ... These stances were not popular with her royal in-laws. They probably would have been more comfortable with her if she stuck to tea parties ... Thankfully, she didn't."

Komsomolskaya Pravda, the Moscow popular daily, said: "This death lies on the consciences of the boulevard reporters, who followed her relentlessly everywhere." In a caption it referred to police examining the motorcycles of "the reporter-murderers".

The headline in *Akhali Taobaunder*, a daily tabloid in Georgia, read "Photographers killed Princess Di". *Rezonansi*, another daily, cried "The queen of people's hearts is dead".

Latin America's vibrant press took on a sombre aspect as newspapers across the continent led with long accounts of the Princess's death. *Adiós a la princesa, viva Diana!* said *El Espectador* of Bogotá — "Farewell to the Princess, long live Diana!" The newspaper also noted how her death had "deprived" Colombia of a much-anticipated visit by the Princess next March, when she was expected to attend a conference on children. *Clarin*, of Buenos Aires, said that although the Princess was not entirely "innocent" of playing up to the press, "this fact does not justify what happened. All people have the right ... to control the exposure of their sphere of intimacy."

In Japan, some best-selling magazines often carry gruesome photographs of mutilated corpses. Yesterday, editors were debating whether readers who have hungrily followed the trials and tribulations of the Royal Family would want to see photographs of the accident scene in Paris. "We'll make a decision when we see the pictures," said an editor at the weekly magazine *Focus*.

The 13 main Hong Kong newspapers carried front-page stories about the accident. The second-largest tabloid, *Apple Daily*, had a free supplement filled with photographs. In Beijing, there were reports of the death at the end of television news bulletins and newspapers printed the story on inside pages. Only the English-language *China Daily* put the story on the front page, tucking a picture of a man placing flowers outside *Kensington* Palace at the bottom.

Indian newspapers, which usually have little foreign news, carried banner headlines such as "Vultures Chase Diana to Death," in *The Asian Age*.

Most Pakistani newspapers on Monday had a front-page picture of the Princess cuddling a young cancer patient during her visit to Lahore last year. "Di will be missed in Pakistan," read a headline in the *Daily News*. A couple in a Punjab village named their newborn baby Diana. "This is a tribute to the great Princess," the father said.

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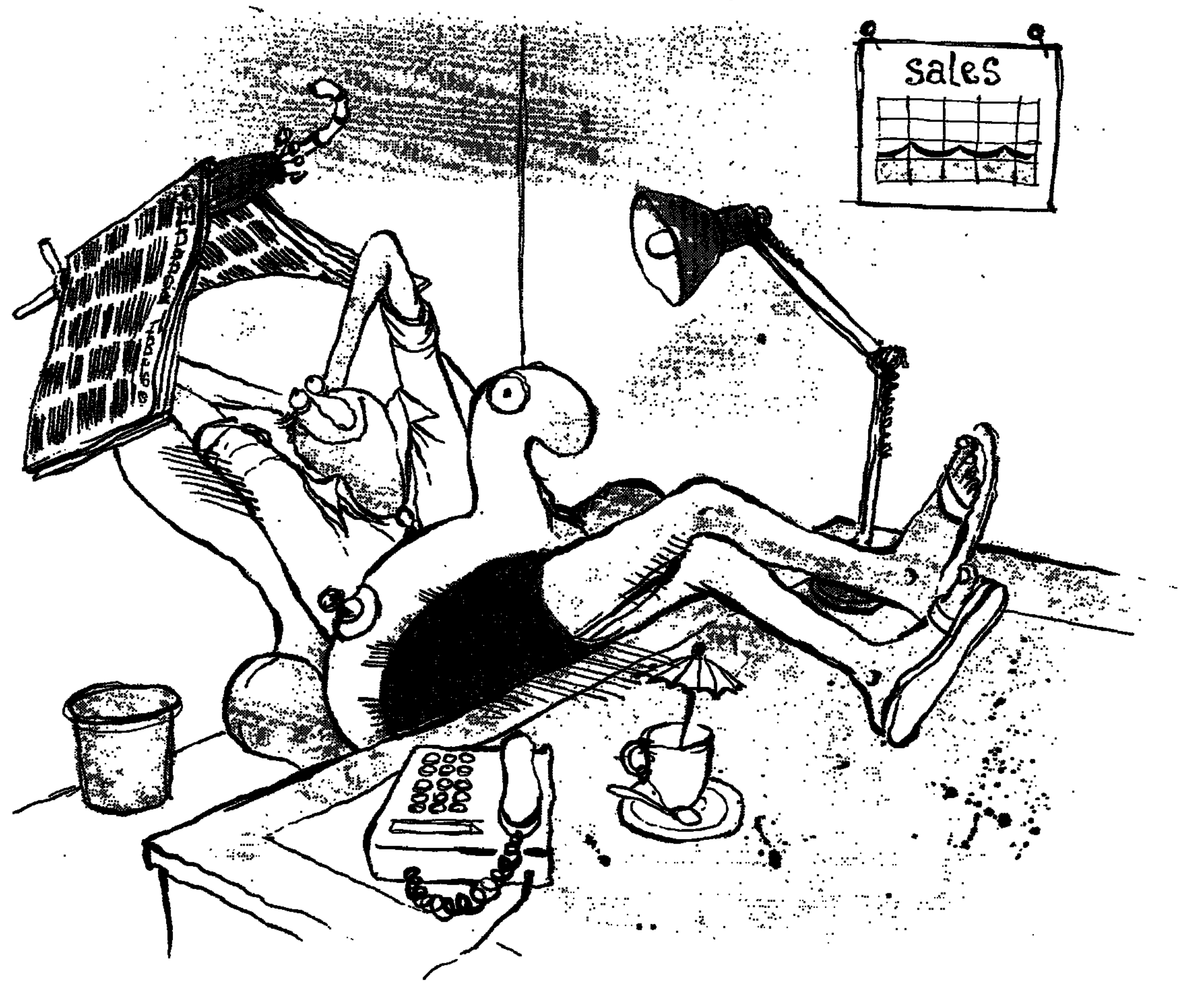

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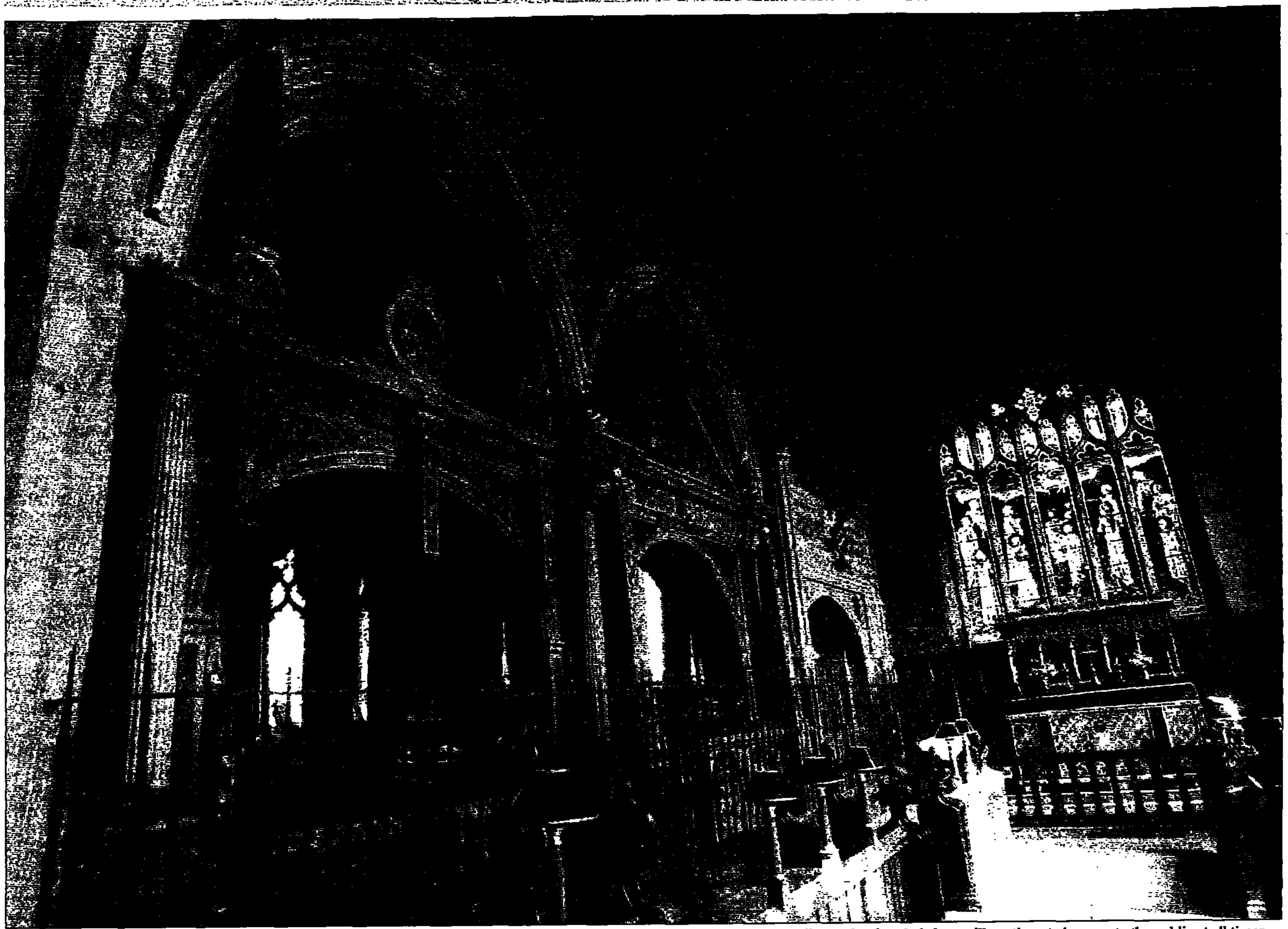


Last resting place: the Princess will be interred in the Spencer family chapel, above, which is separated from the church by railings. The church, below, will continue to be open to the public at all times

It's right she should come home to rest, say villagers

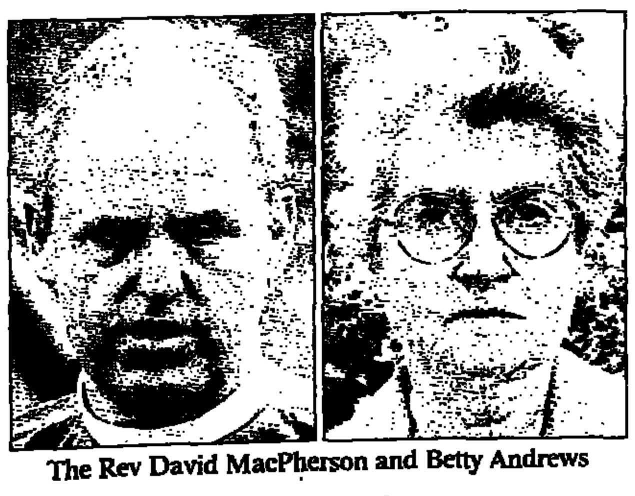
Pride and grief are mingled at Althorp over historic links with the Spencer family, writes **Joanna Bale**

MIXED with the grief on the Althorp estate yesterday there was a kind of gladness that Diana, Princess of Wales, would have a final resting place among 20 generations of her ancestors in the family chapel.

Val Pearce, who went to pray at the St Mary the Virgin Church in the village of Great Brington, Northamptonshire, where the Princess will be buried, said: "This is where she spent many happy years as a child so it is nice that she is coming home. Our community is devastated at her death. It should not have happened."

Mrs Pearce, of nearby Harpole, added: "We have always been proud that this is where Diana was brought up. It is sad to think that this is now where she will be buried after dying in such tragic circumstances."

The Spencer chapel inside St Mary's is visible to the public through blue iron railings. It features family tombs with effigies and includes the tomb of Lawrence Washington, the great-great-great grandfather of George Washington, who was buried there in 1616. The Washingtons were cousins of the Spencers.



The Rev David MacPherson and Betty Andrews

The first Spencer to be buried there almost 500 years ago was Sir John Spencer, who bought Althorp in 1508.

Diana will be buried near her father, the 8th Earl, in the church where her brother was married. It is one of the few churches in the district to remain open to the public at all times and a Spencer family spokeswoman confirmed yesterday that this would continue.

The family chapel within the building will continue to be private although the public will be able to view the tombs through the railings which divide it from the body of the church.

Earl Spencer, the Princess's brother, yesterday visited the church to finalise arrangements for Saturday's ceremony. He arrived at Althorp yesterday morning after travelling from his home in South Africa.

In a statement released through his London press office, Earl Spencer said that there would be a private service at St Mary's with only immediate members of the family in attendance. He went on to say that there would be a very brief ceremony conducted by a priest who is a family friend.

Appealing to the public to respect their privacy, the statement continued: "In view of the public nature of the earlier part of the day, respect for family privacy is only just."

As people travelled from miles around to place flowers at the church and outside the gates of Althorp, many said they were bitter at the way the Royal Family had treated the Princess. Among the floral tributes was a bunch of crimson carnations with the words: 'There was no need to die Diana — hounded to death by the paparazzi." A card on another bouquet read: "Now you and Dodi are in heaven you will both never be apart."

Betty Andrews, 76, who worked as a housekeeper and cook at Althorp until 1981, said: "It was Diana's ordinariness that I liked. She always wanted to help me cook and often ate with the staff rather than at the family table. When I retired, she used to visit me. I shall miss her."

Amidst the villagers' recollections of their princess, however, were some fears that the church would become a shrine to the princess, attracting thousands of tourists. Great Brington's postmistress, Christine Whiley, said: "My initial reaction was: 'Great, this is where she should be,' but then I thought about the implications for the village.

"We are a very quiet village and this will bring a lot more people for a long time to come. We don't want it to turn into a circus, so we just hope that people will remember that the church is a place of worship."

Jean MacPherson, who is married to St Mary's priest-in-charge, David MacPherson, also expressed reservations. She said: "I spoke to the church warden and he was horrified because he felt it would not only be this week, but that there would be tremendous interest for years to come.

"After the princess has been buried here, it is obvious that people will come here to see her grave. I am not horrified in the same way. I understand that people find themselves eager to visit.

"I am sure we will get used to it in time. It's understandable that not everyone will like it. I hope it won't taint the character of the village, but it's possible."

A 55-year-old man walking his dog through the village refused to give his name but agreed that the streets would be flooded with visitors. He said: "We shall be stacked out for a long, long time.

"They are going to have to build a coach park because every foreign tourist will be heading to Brington." The man, who said his wife worked at Althorp House, added: "Everybody will want to come to pay their respects. It will be like Elvis's grave."

London must take place of honour

Marcus Binney, architecture correspondent, proposes a simple public memorial

A MEMORIAL to Diana, Princess of Wales, must be simple and understated. Any large or grandiloquent memorial, whether architectural or sculptural, would be in conflict with everything she stood for, as well as her own quintessential beauty and grace.

Nonetheless, there must clearly be a place, in the centre of the capital, where the millions who will remember her can come to pay their respects, lay flowers and pause for a few quiet moments. Though she is to be buried near Althorp, it was in London, more than the country, that she felt most at home.

It could be inside a great building, such as St Paul's Cathedral, but it would be preferable for it to stand alone in a public space where people naturally congregate. Simple though it may be, there must be enough room for substantial numbers of people to gather, hold formal tributes and wait in quiet dignity.

The design must be approached in the same way as was the design of the Cenotaph, the most successful and honoured of all British memorials. The Princess's memorial must be supremely graceful, in fine but not over-lavish materials, with a minimum of exquisite carving, and perhaps a portrait medallion. The short, main inscription must be capable of "ringing the world" like the words Kipling composed for the memorials to the Great War.

There will be calls for a competition for designs, but competitions in such circumstances could easily turn into a dispute from which no consensus ever arose. Another way to chose a designer — it could be an architect or a sculptor — would be to ask six or 12 leading practitioners to submit designs which could be put on exhibition to allow the public to voice a preference. The best way, though it requires courage, would be to select a designer at the earliest possible stage, and give him or her a key role in selecting the site as well as working on the design, which could be presented to the public at a number of stages and evolved according to the response.

The aim must be to achieve a memorial, at reasonable but not great expense, that would strike in all of us the reaction of J.M. Barrie to the newly completed Cenotaph in 1919. He wrote: "My dear Lutyens, the Cenotaph grows in beauty as one strolls down alone at night to look at it, which becomes my habit. I stand cogitating why and how it is so noble a thing. It is how the war has moved you."

High on a shortlist of architects with the capacity to put infinite pains into refining a simple, well-wrought memorial would be Sir Norman Foster or Sir Michael Hopkins. The Czech-born Eva Jiricna has a well-deserved reputation for imaginative use of fine materials. Among rising stars, Chris Wilkinson has the finest sense of graceful line and silhouette. But the Princess was young and a patron of young designers; it may be best that a memorial is designed outside the architectural profession altogether.

The principal memorial should be a charitable foundation, operating internationally, which could perpetuate her crusading work in the fields she most cared about — the victims of poverty, war and disease, particularly children. The foundation should bear her name. There should be an immediate munificent donation from the National Lottery and the public should be allowed to contribute.

The foundation must have as a continuing priority the mission to respond rapidly and generously to new emergencies, placing an emphasis on compassionate care. Without question, a foundation in her name would quickly accumulate funds to place it alongside the best endowed, most respected and effective foundations in the world.

William has to choose between parents' visions

By Daniel McGrory

MARKETING strategists predict a "Diana cult" will eclipse the multimillion-dollar industry associated with such showbusiness icons as Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe.

A City of London public relations company said yesterday: "The Diana industry will dwarf anything we have seen before. The potential is incalculable."

What will concern the Queen and the Prince of Wales most is how they will confront the legacy of the Princess's influence on her children, especially the ideas that she discussed with Prince William about the future direction of the monarchy.

Those who were close to her tell of long discussions she had with her son about how she believed that the monarchy should adapt and how William might shape its future when he becomes King.

She would take him on secret visits at night to hostels for homeless people and drug addicts and would reinforce the need for a modern monarchy to play a more pivotal role in social affairs.

The Prince is said to have been "deeply affected" by these experiences. He was also impressed by the public adulation that his mother received and by the benefit that it brought for charities.

Prince William: closer to mother

Mother and son were said to be in close agreement about how the monarchy should be more accountable to the public, at variance with the Prince of Wales's vision of its future course.

The question remains whether, at only 15 years, Prince William will abide by his mother's wish for his future or whether his father and others in the House of Windsor will prevail.

One royal source said last night: "Everyone recognises that they will have to live under the shadow of Diana in so many ways. It is understandable that her sons will want to respect her memory by following her wishes.

"William was closer to his mother and it is conceivable that his lasting legacy will be to enact her vision of what the monarchy should be. His personality is more like her than his father." It was unlikely that "he would become a remote and emotionally distant figure" like the Prince of Wales.

Sources inside the Palace said last night that the Lord Chamberlain's Office would still have responsibility for vetting commercial requests to market memorabilia, as the Princess was still regarded "as being part of the current Royal Family".

"The advice to companies who wish to market Diana memorabilia will be to contact the office to seek guidelines as to what is appropriate," the source said.

But the office admits that it may not be able to control widespread commercial exploitation of the Princess's memory. There will be public pressure for her to be remembered with a permanent memorial and for her charitable work to be continued in areas that other Royals have shied away from.

Although the office can take out injunctions against inappropriate merchandising, a source said that usually "gentle persuasion works".

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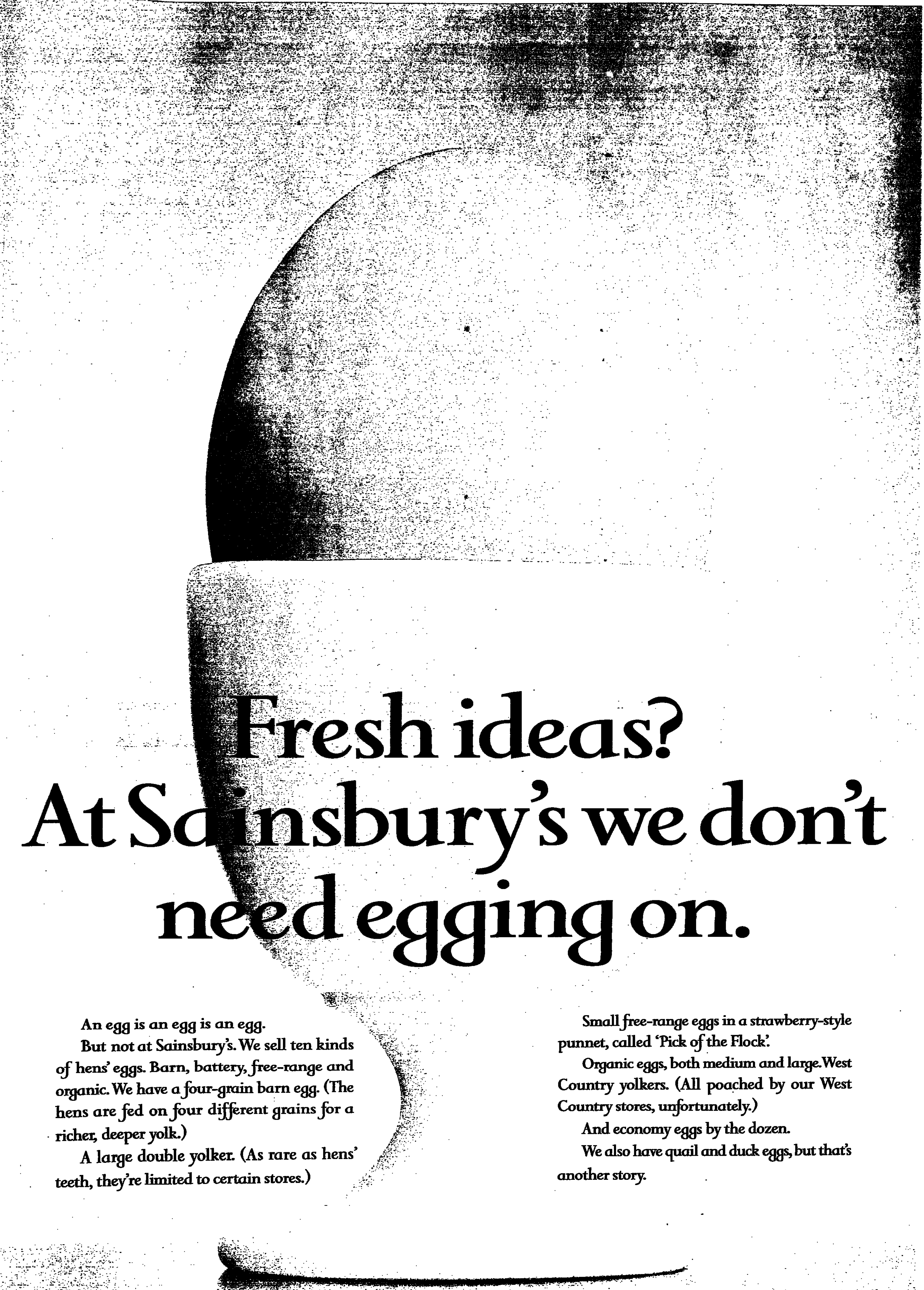

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PRINCESS: THE POLITICAL RESPONSE

JONATHAN DRAKE

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, in Singapore after his four-nation tour of South-East Asia. He has not been recalled immediately

Scots devolution poll to go ahead despite truce

Campaigners for both sides must make up for lost time, says **Shirley English**

THE referendum on Scottish devolution will go ahead as planned on Thursday September 11, leaving campaigners just four days to get their message across after the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish Nationalists will today meet Scotland FORward, the pro-devolution umbrella group, to discuss how to regain momentum in the final 96 hours.

The anti-devolution Think Twice group has cancelled all newspaper advertising planned for this week, which would have taken its campaign into top gear ready for the final push.

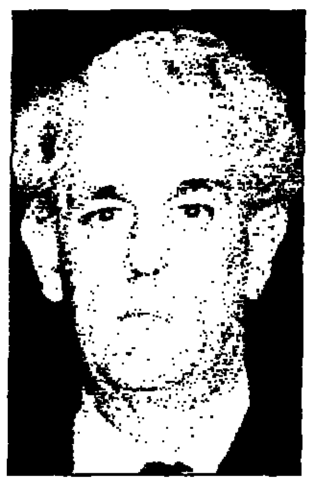
Some low key leafleting may still continue but all other ministerial and campaigning events, including high profile *visits by William Hague, the* Conservative leader, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, have been cancelled out of respect.

Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow who is personally opposed to devolution, yesterday criticised the Government's decision not to postpone the referendum claiming it would leave many issues undiscussed and the public "bewildered" about what they would be voting for.

"Before the tragic death of Diana, there was great unease among many Scots about not fully being told about the implications of the proposals on which they are to make a decision," he said.

"The situation is, in fact, that decisions of huge importance, not only for Scotland *but England, too, will now be* made on the basis of a few TV broadcasts next week."

Mr Dalyell is due to take *part in a debate with Donald* Dewar, Scottish Secretary, broadcast on STV on Monday and the BBC have a Panorama debate planned for the eve of the vote.


Tam Dalyell: said vote should be postponed

Pro-devolution campaigners *dismissed Mr Dalyell, as* "a lone voice in the political wilderness." Major events for the yes campaign are now *likely to take place largely* under the Scotland FORward banner with individual parties concentrating on mobilising their own supporters.

Paolo Vestri, national organiser for Scotland FORward, rejected suggestions that Royalist emotions stirred by the *Princess's* funeral might have an adverse effect on the yes vote. "What is being proposed is a Parliament with*in the UK, which will preserve* the unity of the UK and the Royal Family's position within it." he said.

*Sources in the pro-devolu*tion camp admitted that the loss of a full week of campaigning at such a crucial stage could depress turn-out. The suspension of political activity will be felt on both sides, although voter apathy is likely to be more advantageous to no campaigners.

Scotland yesterday continued to pay its respects to the "People's Princess." A carpet of flowers and teddy bears grew around the gates of the Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh and queues formed at *the City Chambers as locals* and tourists waited to sign a book of condolence.

Self-rule enthusiasm is fading

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

*AN OPINION poll pub*lished today has revealed a serious slip in support for a Scottish parliament *with tax varying powers.*

The latest System Three Poll for *The Herald*, in Glasgow, could not have come at a worst time for the Goverment with campaigning for a double yes vote suspended. There are nine days to go until the referendum.

According to the poll those voting for tax varying powers are now outnumbered by the "no's" and "don't knows." Support for the other question — do Scots want a Scottish parliament? — *has also* fallen.

Tories suspend all political activity

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Conservative Party in effect closed for business yesterday until after the funeral of the Princess.

Extending the initial decision by most parties to suspend campaigning *for the Scottish and Welsh devolution* referendums, the Tories also ceased all other political activity.

William Hague, the Tory leader, who signed the book of condolence at St James's Palace yesterday, had planned this week to begin the first stage of a month-long tour of the country to talk to party activists and voters, but decided to cancel any trips until after the funeral. After talks with advisers, he also postponed a two-day policy brainstorming session with his Shadow Cabinet, due to begin today at *a hotel in the West Country.*

In a memorandum to all party officers, Mr Hague ordered Tory organisations to cease any activity bar their essential administrative duties. Any campaigning for local council by-elections will stop, no fund-raising will take place and no public meetings will be held on Tory premises. "In this period, politicians of all parties should come together and reflect the national mood of unity and contemplation," Mr Hague said.

The Labour Party has suspended all *campaigning over devolution*, but has not issued any blanket ban on political activity. An official said that the party was taking decisions one day at a time but that no substantial visits would be made. He added that many local party officials had called in to say they were voluntarily suspending any political activity until after the funeral.

Both sides of the Scottish and Welsh devolution debate yesterday confirmed that campaigning would remain suspended until Monday. The move was criticised by Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, who said the political parties were abdicating their responsibility to the voters. "As it stands the Scottish people appear to be given *just* four days to consider the fate of the United Kingdom."

Blair instrumental in 'people's funeral' plan

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR decided within hours of learning of the death of the Princess that the public would expect a fune*ral at which they could* express their deep affection for her.

And when in his tribute to *the Princess outside church* in his Sedgefield constituency on Sunday he called her the "People's Princess", he and aides were already considering how the funeral could best reflect that.

They were delighted to learn, from their first contacts with Royal officials, that Buckingham Palace was thinking along the same lines.

Both the Government and the Palace are satisfied that under the arrangements announced yesterday and to be unveiled over the next few days the Princess will have a "people's funeral".

Mr Blair spent a long time *preparing the statement* in which he spoke of the Princess touching the lives of so many throughout the world *with joy and comfort.*

Throughout Sunday and yesterday, Downing Street observed the official protocol that the funeral arrangements were a matter primari*ly for the Palace and the* Princess's family. But there was no attempt to disguise the deep involvement of Mr Blair and his closest advisers in the discussions.

Downing Street has always made a practice of never revealing the content of its dealings with the Palace. But that has not applied on this occasion and officials have given indications of the advice that the Prime Minister would have offered on behalf of the Government.

Mr Blair was clear that there had to be a state "occasion" or "event" to mark the passing of one of the world's best-known and most popular women. But he also felt that the funeral should cater for the ordinary people and good causes to which the Princess gave her support. The Palace was of the same mind and Mr *Blair's most senior officials*, including Jonathan Powell, his chief of staff, and Alastair Campbell, his press secrtary, have had regular meetings with Palace counterparts to *work on the funeral plans.*

When the Palace announced the funeral plans yesterday, Downing Street *described them as the "right* outcome". A leading aide of Mr Blair said: "This is a major national event in which the whole country wants to feel involved."

Officials were swift to emphasise that both the Palace and the Princess's family had been of a similar view. "The Palace was clear from the outset that this would not be a 'great and the good' funeral," the aide added, "Everybody is thinking along the same lines."

The Princess will therefore be given a funeral that will virtually have the status of a state funeral but without a lying in state, at the request of the Spencer family, and some of the pomp that goes with such an event. "It is a unique event for a unique person," a senior official said.

Blair on Sunday: gave an emotional speech

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Editors in talks to curb the paparazzi

The newspaper industry's watchdog has launched an urgent review as criticism grows. **Carol Midgley** reports

HARASSMENT by the international paparazzi was placed under urgent review yesterday by Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. He began immediate talks with newspaper editors in Britain to discuss the seemingly insatiable demand for photographs of public figures.

Lord Wakeham said that he shared the country's grief at the "appalling events of Sunday morning". The Princess's brother, Earl Spencer, has said that he believed every proprietor and editor who had paid for intrusive pictures of his sister had "blood on their hands". Yesterday, the independent MP Martin Bell, a former BBC war reporter, accused the press of "quite literally hounding to death" the Princess.

Mr Bell, MP for Tatton, said: "The fault lies not only with the paparazzi, who are themselves a peculiary low form of pond life, but with those sections of the press which pay and sponsor them. Their murderous intrusions will have to be curbed, by regulation if necessary.

"They will face their day of reckoning, and the old cry of the freedom of the press will not be sufficient defence. The Princess's death is the destination of a journalistic ethic which sees no value in anything but money."

Lord Wakeham's discussions with editors will assess the difficulties of dealing with a problem which is crossed many national boundaries. He insisted that he would make no comment on the circumstances of the Princess's death until the French police had completed their investigations.

But he said: "We can — and must — think very seriously about the problems caused by international paparazzi photographers, which the accident has so dreadfully highlighted. I have therefore begun urgent discussions with editors across the industry to see what might be done to tackle this problem. I shall also be assessing the difficulties in dealing with a problem that crosses national frontiers.

"It will be some time before we know the detail of what happened in Paris, although this will undoubtedly be painstakingly pieced together as part of the French police's criminal investigations. I will keep the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport fully informed of the progress of this review."

A spokesman for the department welcomed Lord Wakeham's review, but said that it was too early to say whether ministers would be prepared to implement any recommendations made by the Commission. And a Downing Street spokesman reaffirmed the Prime Minister's view that self-regulation was the best way ahead for the newspaper industry. The spokesman said: "Certainly, the Prime Minister's view has always been that this is the best way and should be the best way of handling this.

Wakeham, left, feels the issue crosses national frontiers
Cook, right, said that editors must learn their lesson

"Obviously what has happened is going to fuel a huge public debate, and for now we will just let that debate take place without Government having to rush to any significant judgment, and also mindful of the fact that the newspaper industry will be taking a good look at what lessons they might learn."

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, speculated about the need seriously to question "aggressive intrusion into her privacy". He indicated that the Government will be looking to Fleet Street for a code of self-regulation over the purchase of intrusive pictures.

Speaking in Singapore, on the last stage of his four-nation tour of South East Asia, where the press is tightly controlled, Mr Cook denied that the Government was considering legislation and said he was surprised the question on press intrusion was being put to politicians. He said: "The question should be asked of the press and editors. They have to consider their recent behaviour and to what extent that may have made a contribution."

Later, as he flew to Bahrain, he narrowed the focus of his comment and said that "senior members of the press" might spend some time reflecting on the lessons to be learned from the intrusion of the press into the Princess's life and death.

A degree of privacy protection is already likely as the Government is committed to introducing the European Convention on Human Rights into British law.

John Major, the former Prime Minister, urged newspaper editors and proprietors to step back from intrusive journalism. He said there were tremendous difficulties in framing a press privacy law to protect individuals against the unwarranted attention of photographers, but said that it was "perfectly possible for the press to draw back and still retain a legitimate interest in public figures".

He said: "If proprietors and editors do not sanction large payments to people for intrusive photographs, then the people taking those intrusive photographs would simply disappear. It's very difficult in practice to frame a law that protects the privacy of individuals but leaves a legitimate area for the media to investigate."

Clive Soley, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party who unsuccessfully tried to bring in legislation of his own to curb intrusive journalism, said he still believed it was possible to draft legislation on the issue. But the first requirement was to redirect anger from the paparazzi to newspaper owners and some editors to stop them buying up such photographs.

German paper prints rescue picture

By Carol Midgley
Media Correspondent

A COLOUR photograph of rescuers trying to get into the wreckage of the Princess's car appeared on the front page of Germany's biggest-selling newspaper yesterday.

The picture, shunned by British editors, was taken apparently a few feet from the largely undamaged back of the car and shows what could be one or two slumped bodies, although their features are not recognisable. Only what seem to be back of their heads are visible in the picture, published in *Bild*.

Graphic photographs of the crash were being touted globally for up to £600,000 yesterday. Most publications, including the American *National Enquirer*, refused to use them.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, who in his first reaction on Sunday said that the Princess was a victim of unscrupulous media, expressed his condolences in a telegram to Tony Blair yesterday and proposed that Germany and Britain could take joint steps to stop journalistic excess. "We should think about it, together, whether the horrible circumstances of Princess Diana's death warrant some form of joint action," Herr Kohl said.

An editor at the picture desk of *Bild*, which has a daily circulation of more than four million, said the newspaper bought the uncredited photograph from an agency in Paris. The editor, who gave only his last name, Westing, declined to say whether it came from paparazzi pursuing the Princess's car when it crashed.

"We have one or two more. We can't sell them further," the *Bild* employee said of the photographs. "We paid a lot of money for them."

Eyes of the world: a French television reporter touches up her make-up before going on air outside Kensington Palace yesterday. World media interest in the death of the Princess continues to be intense

Rush for 'Diana' books leaves shelves empty

Reprints and a search for new writers as publishers seek to meet frantic demand, reports Carol Midgley

THE death of the Princess created a desperate scramble to produce new books about her yesterday.

As bookshops across Britain sold out of existing biographies in the wake of the tragedy, publishers were hurriedly printing more. Key writers were also said to be discussing possible new titles with their agents.

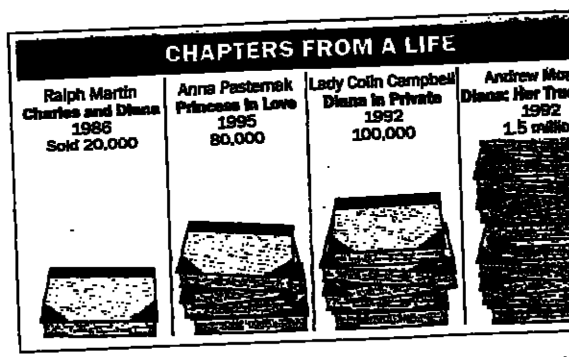
Andrew Morton, who became a millionaire with his iconoclastic biography *Diana: Her True Story*, which exposed her unhappy marriage, is writing a new version to be published on October 5. The book, which has sold an estimated 1.5 million in the United Kingdom, will be updated and contain previously unpublished material.

Emergency extra copies of the unrevised book will be in the shops in paperback by next Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for his publisher, Michael O'Mara, said they were also republishing Morton's sequel, *Diana: Her New Life*, in response to "enormous demand". She said: "The phone has not stopped ringing today. The bookshops are selling out very quickly."

Publishers also expect some of Britain's key royal commentators to produce commemorative books. One of the most sought after would be a biography by Richard Kay, the *Daily Mail* writer widely accepted as the most authoritative commentator on the Princess. He was unavailable for comment yesterday.

A leading publishing agent, who asked not to be named, said: "The market for books at the moment will be phenomenal. There are only a few authors who could write with any real authority about Diana and they are valuable commodities right now. But it is a delicate thing. Writers and publishers alike will be reluctant to be seen to be reacting to this tragedy with indecent haste."



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The Princess's psychic, Rita Rogers, is writing, with a journalist, a book about her own career.

Many bookstores said shelves had been emptied of any title relating to the Princess by yesterday morning. Some compared demand to the reaction to the death of Elvis Presley. Robert Kinnear, manager of Waterstone's in Princes Square, Glasgow, said: "It has been incredible. We sold out of Diana books by lunchtime on Sunday and obviously we're trying to reorder more. We have seen nothing like this since Elvis died and even then the hysteria was not as bad."

Jane Shaw, from James Thin bookstore on Edinburgh's North Bridge, said the shop had been caught out by the tragedy and did not normally keep a large stock of books on the Princess. We've been inundated with telephone calls over the weekend and people have been coming into the shop in search of books. But we've had to disappoint them as we don't have any of the titles left. We can't even get through to the stockists. The line's been engaged since yesterday so we can't get them reordered."

Waterstone's said there had been a surge in demand for the first Andrew Morton book. Books Etc, which has 20 bookshops in London and Gatwick and Heathrow, said that it had sold out of all existing stocks of it and was getting in more copies.

☐ Film delay: film-makers who pride themselves on sensing the box-office potential in real-life stories were yesterday insisting they were too shocked to consider a movie about the Princess.

"Far too early to think about such things," said one. However, another, a British producer, said: "I wonder who will be first."

There have been at least three televised dramas about the Princess including *Charles and Diana Unhappily Ever After* and *Princess in Love*.

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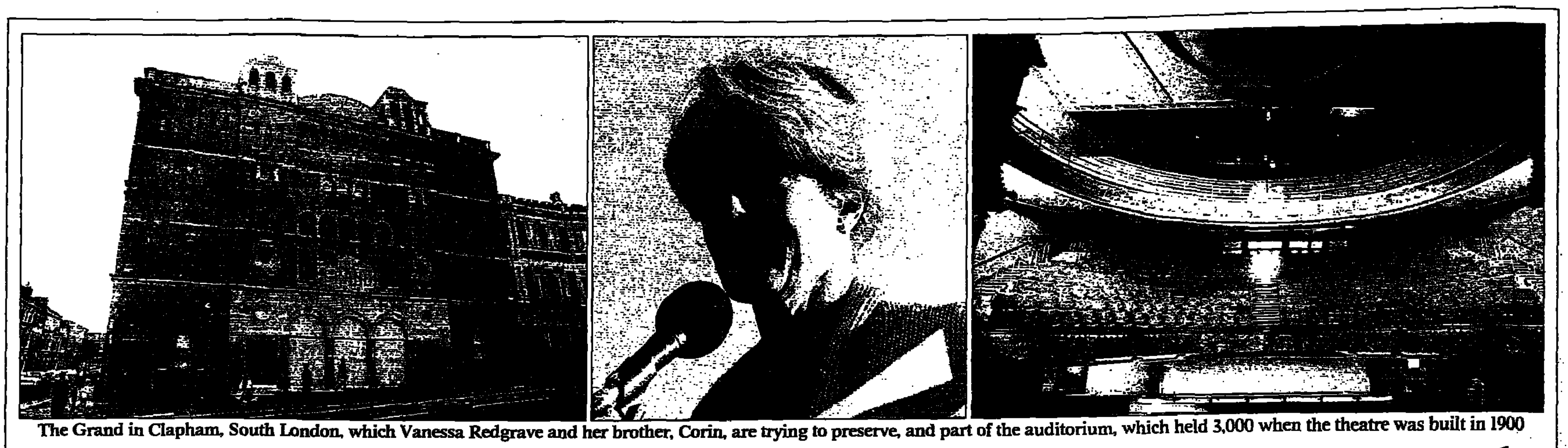

The Grand in Clapham, South London, which Vanessa Redgrave and her brother, Corin, are trying to preserve, and part of the auditorium, which held 3,000 when the theatre was built in 1900

Redgraves fight to stop theatre turning into a pub

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

VANESSA REDGRAVE is heading a campaign to save a theatre that flourished in the heyday of music hall.

The actress, whose latest film, *Wilde*, is being shown at the Venice Film Festival, is fighting plans to convert the Grand in Clapham, South London, into a pub. She said she was inspired by the ideals of Lilian Baylis, who founded the Old Vic "to produce the classics, performed by the greatest actors of her day, at prices within reach of the poorest families in South London".

The Grand, a red-brick and stone theatre built in 1900, drew the greatest music-hall artists of the day. Dan Leno opened "The Palace of Varieties" to an audience of 3,000. The halls mushroomed across the country but the Clapham Grand is one of the few survivors in the suburbs.

Miss Redgrave is fighting for the theatre with her actor-brother, Corin, who said yesterday: "It would be a loss, not only to us, but to the wider community. There are plenty of pubs and wine bars and restaurants. There is a great shortage of theatres of this size."

The two Redgraves have long been seeking a permanent home for Moving Theatre, the company they founded in 1993 to "reflect the contradictions and problems of the times we live in".

They hope to stage performances that will aim at the highest standards. "We shall especially look to commission new Afro-Caribbean and Asian writers and our theatre will provide a training for 30 to 40 student performers, writers and directors."

Nearly all of the building's period features, including Chinese-inspired dragons, have survived. Mr Redgrave said: "By chance, I was looking through letters of my grandfather, who was an actor, in which he wrote to my grandmother about playing at the Clapham Grand." The letters did not specify more than that he was appearing in a melodrama which he had written himself, but the discovery gave the theatre an added magic for the Redraves.

The owners, the J.D. Wetherspoon pub chain, are appealing against a decision by Wandsworth council earlier this year to reject planning permission for a theme pub. A public hearing is to be held on September 23. If the theatre were sold, it would fetch between £500,000 and £1 million. Since its heyday as a music hall, it has been used as a cinema, bingo-hall and a venue for pop and rock concerts.

Peter Longman, of the Theatres Trust, said: "This is a unique theatre. This is one case we have simply got to win. It would be absolutely tragic if it was turned into a pub. The locals don't want that. We shall fight it all the way."

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Critics call for official register of nannies

Unofficial lists give false sense of security, writes **Alexandra Frean**

CHILDCARE campaigners yesterday called on the Government to establish a compulsory register of nannies amid reports that private companies are charging nannies up to £100 to join unregulated registers.

The Professional Association of Nursery Nurses said that it had been approached by at least six nanny agencies that were launching private registers. These would be run commercially but would not be vetted by the Department of Health or the Department for Education and Employment, and would not have access to police records.

Tricia Pritchard, the association's professional officer, said that parents might think that privately run registers offered some sort of statutory protection against rogue nannies; in reality they would offer little more than the inclusion of a nanny's name and address on a database. Improperly supervised, a private nanny register that did not have access to police records could be "a paedophile's dream", Ms Pritchard said.

"We would question the value of several registers, none of which will have the power to prevent a nanny from working should she or he be identified as unsuitable," she said. She added that at least one of the agencies was planning to charge nannies more than £100 to join its register.

The pressure group Playpen, which has been campaigning for a national independent, non-profit-making register since the arrest in the US earlier this year of the British nanny Louise Woodward on a child murder charge, said it was inappropriate for any nanny register to be run in pursuit of profit. Rosemany Rogers of the group said: "Until the Government realises that 'natural competition' within the childcare industry results in children being put at risk each day, the route will be clear for more private enterprises."

The representatives from PANN and Playpen were speaking after the launch yesterday of The Worldwide Nanny Register Ltd, a private company linked to the Guardian Angels childcare consultancy in Hertford. The company will charge nannies £45 plus VAT to register with them and will pass their details to potential employers for £40 plus VAT.

Nannies will not have to be qualified to enter their names on the register but they will have to prove that they have at least two years' experience working with children. They will also be required to present the company with evidence that they do not have a criminal record.

Angela Spencer, director of the Worldwide Nanny Register, said the company would check all references given by nannies going back to the age of 16. "We are hoping to get government approval for our national nanny register and we hope it will become compulsory," she said.

The Worldwide Nanny Register is launching into an expanding market. The proportion of women returning to work after giving birth has risen from a half to two thirds since 1988 and the demand for nannies is increasing rapidly.

Yet while child-minders have to be vetted by local authorities and registered with social services, there is virtually no regulation of nannies or of nanny agencies. In January 1995 the Government deregulated nanny agencies, arguing that the relationship between nanny and employer was a private one.

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Dead firewoman's father attacks jail sentence on store arsonist

Temperatures in the supermarket fire were estimated at more than 1,000 C

Simon de Bruxelles and **Peter Foster** report on a call for psychiatric treatment and public protection

Cody: punched the air when the blaze began

THE father of a woman firefighter who died in a supermarket blaze yesterday attacked the jail sentence on the security guard who started the fire. Roger Lombard said that the culprit needed psychiatric help and a longer term in prison while he was treated.

Martin Cody, 21, set fire to a Bristol supermarket during his first nightshift for the company. Fleur Lombard, also 21, was engulfed by a fireball as she searched for shoppers. She was the first British woman firefighter to die in peace-time service.

Cody was jailed for 7½ years for manslaughter and arson yesterday at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. Psychiatric reports said that he was not mentally ill but was suffering emotional conflict at the time of the arson. Mr Justice Tuckey said that he would not take the grave step of jailing Cody for life because he had not intended to kill and would not be a danger to the public in the long term.

Mr Lombard, 53, a businessman, was not in court for the sentencing. But he said afterwards: "I am concerned that the guy gets the help he so badly needs. Putting him away for this length of time is not going to solve the problem. I am disappointed with the sentence because we remain convinced that he has some sort of serious psychotic problem, despite the fact that the psychiatrist has been unable to confirm that.

"The length of sentence is rather less than one might like. They are not able to make it a life sentence unless the psychiatrist said he had a problem. But the evidence is that he has got a problem and he does have a history of fascination with fire."

He condemned Cody's barrister for lodging an appeal against the conviction. "If Cody gets out and he does it again, I will make it a personal vendetta to go after his defence counsel," Mr Lombard said. "I will hold him personally responsible.

"I feel very angry. I am unable to understand his defence counsel. He operates on a separate level from the rest of humanity. I hope that his family doesn't have to go through the trauma we have had to go through.

"When Cody gets out, he represents a threat to society. They claim it is a maturity-related behavioural problem rather than some sort of psychotic behaviour."

At Cody's trial in June, Exeter Crown Court was told that he had told staff that he was bored and wished something exciting would happen. An hour later smoke and flames engulfed the store, starting in the meat-preparation room, where Cody had kindled the flames using packing materials. The jury was told that Cody, from Bristol, lived in a fantasy world.

David Spens, QC, for the defence, said that Cody was still very young, had no history of fire-starting or any other criminal behaviour and had never intended to hurt anyone. He said that although the jury heard evidence that he was seen punching the air with his clenched fist and shouting "yes" after the fire started, Cody's behaviour had changed as soon as he realised that a firefighter had been injured. "Once the dreadful news reached him, he became solemn and there was no exhilaration," Mr Spens said.

Mr Justice Tuckey said that Cody had been worried about his job prospects and his parents' disapproval of his girlfriend, who had recently suffered a miscarriage and had been in grave danger of suffering another at the time of the fire.

One psychiatric report had been unable to identify the reasons for Cody's behaviour or to comment on his future risk, while the other had speculated that he may have been driven by emotional conflict.

"I take the view that, having regard to your age, it is less likely with the passage of time that you will be driven by emotional conflict into the sort of behaviour that I am concerned with," the judge said. "But if you are, you will be more able to resist it, the older you become." Cody acknowledged members of his family sitting in the gallery with a smile and a nod as he entered the dock but showed no emotion as sentence was passed and he was led away by security staff to begin his jail term.

Fleur Lombard, best recruit of her intake, was the first firewoman to die in peace time

Miss Lombard had just completed her two-year probationary period with Avon Fire Brigade and joined blue watch at Speedwell fire station, a few minutes away from the store.

The temperatures in the fire, estimated at more than 1,000 C, seared off her protective clothing and breathing apparatus. Other firefighters tried in vain to save their colleague, who had been awarded a Silver Axe as the best recruit of her intake. Mr Lombard said that his daughter knew the risks and would have been embarrassed at "all the fuss" surrounding her death. He said: "She would have thought the whole thing that happened to her was totally bizarre. Fleur wouldn't have wanted all the fuss. She would have said that if she had come out of that building, it would have been just another routine 'smokey'. We have come to realise that there is such a fine line between that and not coming out. But she knew that, too."

Mother killed handicapped daughter in bed, jury told

By Richard Duce

THE mother of a severely handicapped daughter killed her by disconnecting life-support equipment as she lay in a hospital bed, a court was told yesterday.

Julie Watts, 31, a state enrolled psychiatric nurse, removed a breathing tube keeping her 14-month-old daughter Abigal alive, it was alleged. Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Manchester Crown Court that it was a case of "great sadness".

Abigail was born to Mrs Watts and her husband, Andrew, with "formidable" handicaps including brain damage and a rare skull deformity. Soon after birth she was resuscitated when she had a heart attack.

"Rightly or wrongly, her parents believed the doctors then responsible for Abigail were giving them the option, even then at the beginning, of not resuscitating her should there be another cardiac arrest," Mr Openshaw said.

"It was, however, their clear wish every effort should be made to help Abigail at that stage and thereafter, and it was." In July, 1995, while Abigail was being treated at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, nurses heard Mrs Watts shout for help. A tracheotomy tube had been removed from Abigail's throat and the tapes that secured it had been untied. "As a direct and inevitable result Abigail, being left in this condition, suffered respiratory failure leading to cardiac arrest which in turn caused brain damage from which she died," Mr Openshaw said.

"It is the case of the prosecution that an examination of all the circumstances will drive you to the conclusion that the defendant herself must deliberately and unlawfully have removed the tube from Abigail's throat and untied the securing tapes. If you so find she will be guilty of either murder or manslaughter."

Mrs Watts, from Little Hulton, Salford, Greater Manchester, denies Abigail's murder. Mr Openshaw said it was Mrs Watts' case that she had not removed the tube and that it might have been dislodged accidentally by the child's movements.

"The defendant might accept she untied the tapes but it is her case she didn't do so in order to remove the tube but did so, or must have done so, in her desperation to resuscitate the child after she found her in this collapsed condition," he said.

Abigail suffered from a rare combination of symptoms that made it impossible to identify precisely the syndrome from which she suffered. She had a deformity known as cloverleaf skull, which had needed an operation to correct the features of her head, face and brain.

She also suffered water on the brain and had to be fitted with a "shunt" to drain the liquid into her abdomen. The child could not breathe properly, which was why she was fitted with a tracheotomy tube.

Abigail was also unable to swallow or eat properly and had to be fed through another tube into her abdomen and she lacked normal strength and co-ordination. She could wriggle about but not sit up, her sight and hearing were impaired and she needed constant nursing care throughout the day and night.

Mr Openshaw said within a few minutes of the tube being removed she would have suffered respiratory failure, leading to heart failure and brain damage with the "direct and inevitable" consequences of death. "The defendant would have known the dangers."

Mrs Watts and her husband had been married since 1988. Their first child, Philip, now eight, was normal and healthy. Since Abigail's death another daughter had been born to them on December 27 last year who was also normal and healthy.

The trial continues.

Repeat rapist jailed for life

A MAN released after serving six years of a ten-year sentence for kidnapping and raping a 20-year-old student in 1988 was yesterday sent to prison for life for an almost identical offence.

In May, Neil Sinkinson forced a 25-year-old York University philosophy student into his car at gunpoint, handcuffed her, stripped her and raped her. Teesside Crown Court was told that he had put his hands round his victim's neck and told her: "This is what it's like to die."

Tim Roberts, for the prosecution, said that 30 minutes before the attack, Sinkinson, 32, had tried to force another 20-year-old woman into his car at gunpoint 200 yards from police headquarters but she had screamed at the top of her voice and he had run off.

Sinkinson pleaded guilty to abduction and rape, also to robbing three other women students and an attempted abduction. Mr Roberts said: "He fantasised about what he would do to them. He was disposed to driving around with a gun, flicknife and handcuffs."

Peter Johnson, for Sinkinson, said: "He accepts he is a danger to young women. He deluded himself into thinking he was a robber, not a rapist."

Jailing Sinkinson with a recommendation he should not be considered for parole for less than 13 years, Judge David Bryant said the rape was "terrifying and horrific" and he believed Sinkinson was extremely dangerous and could easily progress to murder.

"Kanga" Tryon

Divorce for Lord Tryon

LADY TRYON, one of the Prince of Wales's closest friends, was divorced by her husband yesterday.

Lord Tryon, of Great Durnford, Wiltshire, said in his petition that she had caused him "stress-related illness" and that she was still acting unreasonably. The divorce was uncontested.

Lady "Kanga" Tryon, 49, has been recovering from a breakdown after treatment for a fall at a private clinic that left her paralysed from the waist down. She was detained under the Mental Health Act in June.

Lord Tryon, a merchant banker, applied to the High Court in July for an order barring her from her home, claiming that his wife had made allegations that someone was trying to kill her. Lady Tryon claimed at the time that her husband had had falsely accused her of being mad and an alcoholic.

The couple's 17-year-old twins, Edward and Victoria, will stay with their father.

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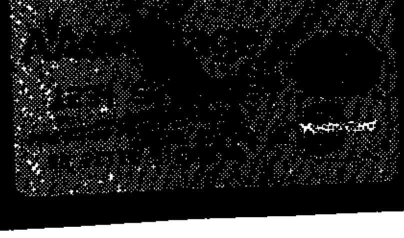

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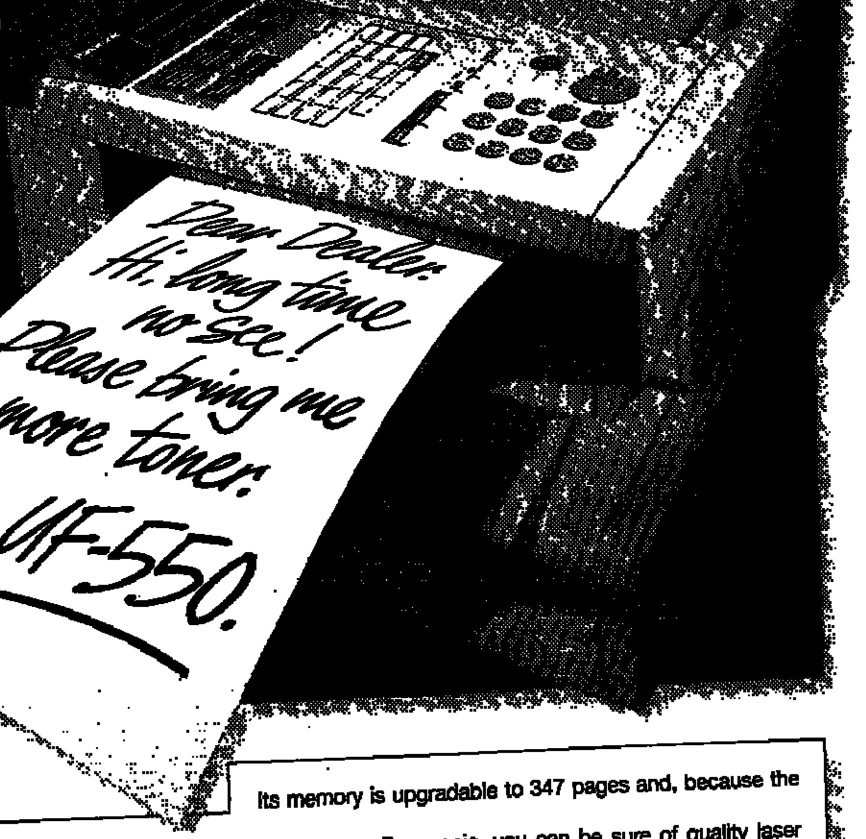

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Channel ferry prices to be curbed

Ministers will set conditions on merger to avoid the risk of a cartel, report **Arthur Leathley** and **Fraser Nelson**

MINISTERS will this month demand limits to price rises on Channel ferries to prevent a cartel developing between ship and tunnel operators. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, is to attach tough conditions to her long-awaited approval of the merger between *P & O and Stena Line ferries.*

Mrs Beckett will demand assurances that the new company will not *exploit its dominant position in the* fiercely competitive market. The merger of services on the Dover-Calais route would lead to a reduction in the number of ships from nine to six, with savings of some £75million. There will also be reductions on the Dover to Zeebrugge and Newhaven to Dieppe routes.

Ministers fear that the new company, which will have 40 per cent of the tourist vehicle market, could drive up prices after the abolition, in 1999, of the lucrative duty-free business, which has helped to subsidise fares.

Although the Government refuses to divulge details of the plan, an inflation-linked formula is being prepared that would protect customers while allowing the new company *to remain* viable. Senior *managers* from the two companies will meet the Office of Fair Trading next week to *discuss conditions.*

Among other measures to be laid down are that the company surrenders *some berthing slots and ticket*ing booths in Dover and Calais. It will also have to operate independently of its parent *companies' other operations to Ireland and The* Netherlands.

"The evidence is that the market will grow rather than contract in the coming years and this is the chance to protect the public," one Whitehall official said. Officials have backed away from imposing a formal system of regulation on the industry.

However, the imposition of price restrictions in an unregulated private sector would mark a significant intervention and Mrs Beckett is likely to need the go-ahead from Tony Blair. The limits to be discussed between the OFT and companies will focus on brochure prices, although *many fares are heavily discounted.*

The brochure price for a peak-time return car journey is listed at £169 by *both P & O and Le Shuttle. Mrs Beckett is concerned that the market* does not fall prey to a cartel at the turn of the century.

Ferry *fares have fallen* by more than 20 per cent in the past five years but consumer groups insist that the fall was from a level that made Channel journeys among the most expensive in the world, mile-for-mile. Ferry firms say that prices are actually lower than 20 years ago, even without taking inflation into account.

The move was welcomed last night by the Road Haulage Association, which has pressed for regulation of the ferry industry as a condition for approval. A spokesman said: "We have been pushing for some time for an element of price protection. Recent falls in Channel fares have *given a competitive boost to the* British haulage sector, as well as benefiting the holidaymaker. This would be a great summer bonus to all ferry passengers."

Mrs Beckett was expected to make a decision on the merger early in the summer but officials say that the complexity of setting workable conditions has delayed the process. The European Commission, which also has to approve the merger, has voiced concerns about the risk of a duopoly between the ferry operator and Eurotunnel.

One leading analyst said: "I don't think P & O and Stena would see a *price cap as a problem.* They intend to make more profit by keeping the costs down, which they will be able to *do by merging their businesses.*"

Tax lawyers join QCs' 14-strong £1m-a-year club

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

FOUR Queen's Counsel specialising in tax law are among the list of 14 barristers reputed to to be earning £1 million a year.

A survey in the new *Guide to the Legal Profession* names those barristers who are said by colleagues and solicitors to be reaping the richest pickings. The four tax silks are Andrew Park and David Goldberg of Gray's Inn Chambers, John Gardiner of 11 New Square, and Graham Aaronson of 1 Essex Court. All the others save one, the libel lawyer George Carman, QC, are at the commercial Bar. They are: Michael Beloff, QC, Michael Burton, QC, Christopher Carr, QC, Christopher Clarke, QC, Elizabeth Gloster, QC, Anthony Grabiner, QC, Gordon Pollock, QC, Peter Scott, QC and Jonathan Sumption, QC.

The guide — its research methods have been audited by the British Market Research Bureau — points out that the "headline figure" of £1 million a year represents gross earnings and should be reduced by about 20 per cent for overheads such as chambers rent and other expenses. The figures also are based on last year's estimated earnings and may be a "one off".

Reena SenGupta, the guide's editor, said: "It is easy to get overexcited about these earnings but they do fluctuate from year to year. A silk like Michael Beloff, now president of Trinity College, Oxford, may be earning half that now."

She said that usually such earnings stemmed from one or two "very big cases which involved immense hard work: one must also remember that we are talking about a handful of barristers from the total [8,000 in private practice], with the majority of earnings much, much less than these figures".

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, recently infuriated the profession by criticising the "fat cat earnings" of some top silks. Similar tables of lawyers' earnings have suggested that the millionaire club had a membership of ten. But Ms SenGupta said that compared with some top earners in banking or industry, the Bar's "fat cats" did not deserve the name. "These earnings are nothing compared to what young, relatively experienced traders can earn, and we are talking about the very brightest of the *profession.*"

Nor are the top earnings confined to specialists in arcane or dry areas of law. The survey, published by Chambers & Partners, also includes *a league table of the barristers'* barristers. It says many still practise in a variety of fields, *defying the trend towards* specialism. Based on recommendations by solicitors, the *guide lists the top ten stars at* the Bar, that is, those QCs who are rated the best in several fields of law.

Top of the list by a long way *is Mr Pollock, from* Essex Court Chambers, who is nominated in ten fields of law: *administrative and public* law, arbitration, banking, commercial, employment, energy, *insurance and reinsurance*, media and entertainment, shipping and *sports.*

His closest rival, and with Mr Pollock in the millionaire bracket, *is Mr Sumption*, who is cited for expertise in seven fields: administrative and public law, banking, commercial, financial servics, insur*ance and reinsurance, media* and entertainment, and professional negligence.

Other top all-rounders in the list include: Ian Glick, QC, Ms Gloster, Jeffrey Gruder, QC, *and Andrew Smith*, QC. Ms Gloster, who with Mr Glick and Mr Gruder, is from *One Essex Court, was ranked* as top expert in six lists of work: commercial, commer*cial chancery, company,* financial services, insolvency and *professional negligence.* She was called to the Bar in 1971 after studying at Cambridge and is a *member* of both Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn.

The new directory, pub*lished today, is the most* detailed consumer guide to the legal profession's experts, *whether in small firms or* large, solicitors or barristers, and is based on some 4,000 *interviews and broken down* by region.

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Gordon Pollock, left, and Andrew Park

Graham Aaronson, left, and Christopher Carr

TOM SCOTT

Elizabeth Gloster, who was named in the survey as top expert in six fields of work

Trimble consults prelate on Sinn Fein talks

By Martin Fletcher
chief ireland correspondent

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, held an unprecedented meeting yesterday with Archbishop Sean Brady, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. The two men declined to comment afterwards as part of the reduction of political activity during mourning for Diana, Princess of Wales.

The meeting at the archbishop's Armagh residence was part of Mr Trimble's widespread consultations on whether the UUP should negotiate with Sinn Fein at the multiparty peace talks beginning on September 15. While Archbishop Brady unquestionably argued that it should, Mr Trimble will this afternoon meet the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the rival Democratic Unionist Party, who will forcefully tell him the opposite. The DUP has already announced that it will boycott the talks.

Most observers believe Mr Trimble is inclined to engage Sinn Fein, either directly or by proxy, because walking away would provoke international condemnation and let the Unionist case go by default. Much further down the road lies the tantalising prospect of real power and having Sinn Fein implicitly acknowledge the *Union's* legitimacy by accepting a devolved assembly.

"I think he's doing everything in his power to attend," Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said. But Mr Trimble will be aware of how *his party* ditched Brian Faulkner, the last Unionist leader who dared to deal with the enemy.

The UUP's national executive was to have made a decision on Saturday but that meeting has been postponed to September 13 — two days before the talks are due to start — to avoid coinciding with the Princess's funeral. With the UUP and the Unionist movement split on the issue, Mr *Trimble may welcome the* extra time.

Archbishop Brady paid tribute to the Princess, saying that "we will remember her great work for so *many* people, so graciously and generously given, and I think that will continue to inspire many people in these dark days of grief". Mr Trimble *predicted* "a lot of really hard thinking about the circumstances which led to her death, and the way in which she was hounded at the end".

Queues formed outside Belfast City Hall yesterday after Alban Maginness, the Catholic Mayor, opened a *book of condolence and many people* left flowers. Similar books were opened in towns across Northern Ireland, which the *Princess* had visited nine times, most memorably to comfort relatives of those who died in the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bombing in 1987.

A minute's silence was observed at a concert *for* Admiral William Crowe, the departing United States Ambassador to Britain, given by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in Belfast on Sunday night. The programme was changed to more sombre music.

Register begins for sex offenders

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

MEASURES to enable police to track the movements of convicted sex attackers came into force yesterday. Rapists and child-sex offenders will have to register their names and addresses with the police and inform them if they move.

Any offender failing to register with the police could face up to six months in jail and a fine of £5,000. Yesterday probation officers supervising sex offenders began contacting *them to tell them* to notify the police within the next 14 days or risk prosecution.

Alun Michael, a Home Office Minister, said: "Paedophiles devastate the *lives of children*, bring misery to their parents and can create fear throughout *local* communities. The Government shares the concern of parents to protect their children."

Offenders currently supervised by the probation service and those leaving jail will have to register. An estimated 6,000 are expected to be on the register by September 14, with an additional 3,500 added each year. The Act is not retrospective, so most of the 110,000 convicted paedophiles in England and Wales will *not* be on the list.

Under Home Office guide*lines, only exceptional circum*stances would allow the police to issue warnings when a convicted *sex offender* moves into a neighbourhood.

Primary schools buck the trend

By David Charter, education correspondent

CHILDREN in well-off neighbourhoods are 20 times more likely than those in low-cost housing to attend a primary school at the *top of the* league table, according to research published yesterday. However, two schools among the top 20 primary schools in last summer's tests for 11-year-olds bucked the trend.

St Michael's Bamford, in Rochdale, which came twelfth in the country, took just 3 per cent of pupils from the *most* affluent housing areas and 39 per cent from council accommodation. Crockham Hill Primary, in Kent, came third nationally, with one third of pup*ils not drawn from the affluent* suburbs or gentrified villages that dominated the table. Experian, the information services company that carried out the survey, suggested that social factors should be taken into account more by school inspectors and in league tables. Ofsted, however, said it already used socio-economic data to compare schools.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Protesters attempt to blockade arms fair

Hundreds of demonstrators tried to block the gates of Farnborough airfield in Hampshire yesterday and halt *Britain's* biggest annual arms fair. The protest was organised by the Campaign Against Arms Trade, which accused the Government of failing to keep pledges to have an ethical foreign policy. Protesters claim the *Government* has invited to the fair a number of countries with poor records on human rights, including Turkey, Indonesia, China and Saudi Arabia. Francesca D'Silva said: "The Government is breaking its election promises." A Whitehall official reiterated the government position that attendance at the fair did not mean a country would get a licence to export weapons.

Guilty of pigeon cruelty

An expert on birds of prey who used a pigeon to lure a hawk was convicted of cruelty at Jedburgh Sheriff Court. *Leonard Durman-Walters*, 57, of the Scottish Academy of Falconry, near Hawick, was admonished by Sheriff James Paterson, who said that causing terror to a pigeon did not rank very *high in the scale of offences.*

Shot student goes home

Charlotte Gibb, 20, right, the Durham University student shot in the face in Israel last month, has been discharged from Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge and is recovering at home in Deeping St James, Lincolnshire. Surgeons had treated her for a injuries to her jaw. Her boyfriend, *Max Hunter*, 22, died beside her after being gunned down on a backpacking holiday. She was shot three times. A former Israeli army officer has been charged with the shootings.

Patio murder denied

A man whose missing wife was found buried under their garden patio denied her murder yesterday. The prosecution at Winchester Crown Court said that Philip Dale, 43, from Rowner, Hampshire, admitted grabbing Catherine, 42, by the neck in a row but had said that he did not intend to kill her.

Dog searches for body

A police sniffer dog, one of only seven in Britain trained to detect the gas rising from bodies underwater, searched a lake for Sandie Bowen, 53, a mother of two who went missing from her home in Llandogo, Monmouthshire, nearly a month ago. Her husband, Michael, 45, a forestry worker, has been charged with murder.

Oilfield bomb blown up

One of Britain's biggest oilfields, the Nelson field 100 miles northeast of Aberdeen, resumed production after the destruction of a wartime bomb. The 300lb German bomb, discovered 10ft from the main pipeline in July, was dragged clear and blown up. The shutdown is estimated to have delayed production worth up to £4.5 million.

Lead may damage teeth

Children *whose mothers* were exposed to high levels of lead are at greater risk of tooth cavities, American scientists say. They believe that lead may hinder the development of teeth and reduce the production of acid-neutralising saliva. The study, in *Nature Medicine*, found that rats born of mothers exposed to lead had up to 40 per cent more cavities.

'Raise taxes to cut crime'

Seventy per cent of people would accept a tax rise of 1p to 4p if "significant" cuts in crime would result, a survey says. *Nearly 50 per cent consider drugs and drug-related offences* to be the biggest crime problem, far ahead of burglary and assault, according to the survey of more than 2,000 people for NatWest Insurance Services and Crime Concern.

Clark accused over dog

Alan Clark, the former Defence Minister, right, will appear before magistrates on October 31 accused of *owning a dangerous dog*. The 69-year-old Tory MP for Kensington and Chelsea, *who returned to Parlia*ment in the general election, did not appear at a *brief hearing in Folkestone* yesterday in connection with the incident at his home, Saltwood Castle, in Kent, on January 24 in which his rottweiler allegedly bit Peter Powell, a BBC cameraman.

Street man to run BBC1

BBC1's new Controller was named as Peter Salmon, Granada's director of programmes, who has previously worked for the BBC and Channel 4. Mr Salmon, 41, from Manchester, was responsible for introducing harder storylines into Granada's *Coronation Street* after it lost ground to the BBC's *EastEnders*.

Code to crack rustling

The Royal Mail is urging farmers to print their postcodes on livestock and machinery to beat thieves. Thefts of cattle and pigs are costing £22 million a year. A spokesman for the National Farmers Union said: "A horse from a North-East farm was returned to the owners after the postcode was discovered on its hoof."

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Foulkes pledges start of new era in Montserrat

Tom Rhodes reports on the attempt to mend fences among the Caribbean islanders living in the shadow of a volcano

GEORGE FOULKES, the International Development Minister, accepting government mistakes over its handling of Montserrat, yesterday pledged unequivocal commitment for a new start in the tiny British colony.

In a clear effort at fence-mending during his two-day visit to Montserrat, Mr Foulkes, whose predictions of a cataclysmic eruption by the island's active volcano sparked panic evacuations last month, said that Whitehall and the local government had entered a new era of co-operation.

"We are accepting that there have been some misunderstandings and mistakes across the airwaves and in newspaper columns in the past," the minister said.

"But now it is a new start and we are looking to the future and making an unequivocal commitment to both the people and the island of Montserrat."

Mr Foulkes said that he was looking at immediate needs such as housing, roads, upgrading the hospital and creating employment for the 5,000 islanders who have remained on Montserrat since the Soufrière Hills volcano erupted for the first time in four centuries of undisturbed slumber two years ago.

During his first hours on the island, however, the minister gave no hint of whether further funds might be made available to the beleaguered British outpost in the Caribbean. "We want to ensure the viability of the safe area in the north so that the people of Montserrat can have real choices, given the constraints," he said. "Because the villain of the island is the volcano and I think we should never forget that."

In a carefully choreographed tour of the island, Mr Foulkes visited the emergency centre, flew around the fuming volcano crater and made a deliberate visit to the emergency jetty in Little Bay, first built under the former Government and completed after Tony Blair came to power in May.

HMS Liverpool, the West Indies guardship, provided a suitably symbolic backdrop before departing yesterday evening for Puerto Rico, its white ensign flying at half-mast in honour of Diana, Princess of Wales.

In the afternoon, Mr Foulkes, accompanied by Frank Savage, the British Governor, toured various shelters and other areas of Montserrat. He was expected to make a joint statement of intent with David Brandt, the Chief Minister, today.

Over lunch he was presented with plans for a new capital at Little Bay and Carr's Bay, a project designed by Landbase International, a company based in London. The scheme — including plans for businesses, hotels, a hospital and a Test standard cricket ground — requires an underwriting guarantee by Whitehall.

Mr Brandt, who has been critical of Mr Foulkes in the weeks since the minister's volcano remarks caused widespread panic, yesterday said that he welcomed the new signs of co-operation by London. "We do not want to fight with the British Government, we want to work as partners giving each other mutual respect," he said.

"But at this stage it is a step in the right direction and I will not give my final judgment until I see how the expression of intent made by the minister actually transforms the situation on the ground."

Mr Foulkes's comments of a terrible eruption causing the need for a complete evacuation were disputed by scientists last month. The minister's aides said yesterday that he had read from a draft report stating that a "cataclysmic eruption" could not be ruled out. They attempted to blame civil servants for the gaffe.

Islanders are still smarting from subsequent comments made by Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, in which she said that local authorities were demanding too much money and would next be calling for "golden elephants".

So far, £30 million in government aid has been spent in Montserrat with another £11 million promised. Mr Foulkes rejected claims that the Government had been witholding the additional funds.

Foulkes: remarks on volcano led to panic

Vatican to relax rules for 'trials' of suspected heretics

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Vatican has announced a relaxation in the rules governing the excommunication hearings of dissident theologians and priests who are judged to have violated orthodox church doctrine.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, formerly called the Holy Office, said that under new proposals to be approved by the Pope this autumn, the trials of alleged heretics would be conducted with "greater transparency". Cardinal Ratzinger has headed the Holy Office, which inherited the traditions, if not the methods, of the Holy Inquisition, for nearly 20 years. He has proved a stern guardian of orthodoxy, instilling fear in all "dissidents" summoned to Rome to explain themselves.

Under the new rules, accused priests and theologians will have increased rights of defence at Holy Office hearings. Instead of facing the inquisitor alone, they will have the right to bring a "trusted adviser" to the hearings, and their church superior will be present throughout.

The move follows an outcry over Father Tissa Balasuriya, a Sri Lankan priest excommunicated earlier this year for his espousal of the cause of women priests. He refused to sign a profession of faith drawn up by Cardinal Ratzinger which included the assertion that since all the Apostles were men, there was no place for female priests in the Church. Father Balasuriya said recently that there was "no reason why there cannot be a black, brown, white or yellow female Pope".

In another slight relaxation of church rules the Vatican also announced that "in exceptional cases" it would consider requests from priests under the age of 40 to be released from their obligation of celibacy and returned to the lay state in order to get married. The previous rules had permitted laicisation only for priests over 40, in cases involving "grave scandal". The rule change appears to be aimed at limiting damage caused by sexual misconduct rather than opening the way for a debate on allowing priests to marry.

OU NEAKRY / AP

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia bids goodbye to a Buddhist monk at an historic royal temple in Siem Reap, northern Cambodia, yesterday after spending the morning praying for peace in his country. At the same time sporadic shelling continued in the contested northwestern border town of O'Smach. The king, 74, who

Sihanouk prays for peace

on Sunday offered to mediate between his ousted son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, and the prince's former co-premier, Hun Sen, said he wished Cambodia could be peaceful and united. "The ceremony is to wish that our nation and people stop fighting," he said as he entered the temple, opposite his villa.

The king's repeated pleas for peace have been ignored. Thai army officers report that Cambodian government forces under Hun Sen are shelling royalist troops loyal to Prince Ranariddh, and their Khmer Rouge guerrilla allies, dug in on high ground beside the Thai border. Political analysts were not optimistic about the chances of Hun Sen accepting the king's mediation offer. *(Reuters)*

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Tidal wave adds to Korea havoc

FROM REUTERS
IN BEIJING

A *TIDAL wave*, caused by a typhoon, that smashed dykes and flooded fields in North Korea last month has dealt a heavy blow to hungry farmers struggling to avert famine in the isolated nation, Red Cross officials said yesterday.

The wave struck North Korea's western coast early on August 21, destroying an estimated 700,000 tonnes of corn and leaving 28,000 people homeless, said Erik Petersen, of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

"In a country that is already very badly hit, it is a disaster, an absolute disaster," Mr Petersen said from Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. "There was apparently one wave ... we have reports that it was more than 8m (26ft) high," he said. "Debris had been carried far inland and about 10km (six miles) from the coastline I saw seaweed and glass deposited by the wave on a steel frame about 3m above the ground."

A combination of high tides and the effects of Typhoon Winnie, which lashed eastern China the same night, appeared to have caused the wave, which smashed sea dykes.

People in about 20 counties were already threatened by unrelenting food shortages and poor harvest prospects, Mr Petersen said. Aid workers and foreign visitors have reported that North Korean farmers have been forced to eat pine bark to stay alive while emaciated children have flocked to hospitals.

Mr Petersen added: "The Government moved in the army and volunteers to start repairing the dyke and get some water supplies and food," he said.

Sri Lanka elephants fall prey to years of conflict

Christopher Thomas reports from Pinnawela, Sri Lanka, on efforts to protect the island's ravaged elephant herds

ANURUDDHA LOKUHAPUARACHCHI / REUTERS

Bath time at Sri Lanka's elephant orphanage at Pinnawela. Some animals will soon be returned to the wild

SRI LANKA is fighting to save its elephants from poachers, farmers and war. Tamil Tiger guerrillas have machine-gunned many of them for no fathomable reason. Slash-and-burn farmers are destroying the animals' natural habitat, and villagers have perfected primitive home-made rifles that inflict hideous wounds to keep the elephants away from crops.

The Government runs a small elephant orphanage in Pinnawela, 60 miles north of Colombo, the capital — a modest attempt to provide shelter for young animals that would otherwise starve. Some are shipped abroad to zoos when they are restored to health, but the first attempts will be made soon to return others to the wild — a difficult task for animals never forced to forage.

The tragedy of the elephants, for centuries an intrinsic part of the island's culture and still central to Buddhist religious ceremonies, is demonstrated by a seven-year-old male tethered out of sight from tourists at the elephant orphanage, one of its front feet blown off by a landmine. It lifts its leg to anybody approaching in what appears to be an appeal for help.

It used to be taken to the nearby river twice a day with the other 56 elephants in the orphanage, but it lost its balance whenever it received a playful nudge and crashed painfully on to its side. In frustration it became a fighter and must now be kept alone: cruel isolation for a herd creature. It is chained by one hind leg as well as its good front leg, restricting its movement to a yard or two. It is taken alone to the river most days. The rest of the time it tugs at its tethers in distress.

Slash-and-burn farming, together with legal and illegal logging, have reduced Sri Lanka's forest cover to 20 per cent — still an impressive coverage compared with most countries, and one the Government is attempting to preserve despite mounting population pressure and lack of administrative control over much of the country because of civil war.

Some of the national parks are off-limits because of military activity, making it difficult for environmentalists to check the herds. Forests in northern regions, where the Tamil Tigers are most active, have been substantially destroyed by peasants cutting trees for fuel and shelter.

There is disagreement over the extent of the threat to the elephants. Lal Anthonis, vice-president of the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Sri Lanka, insists that the creatures could be extinct on the island in a decade. He knew of an entire herd of 16 elephants machine-gunned several years ago. There are 200 tuskers left in Sri Lanka, all threatened by poachers.

Mr Anthonis puts the number of Sri Lankan elephants at 2,500 but government officials, using new counting techniques, have raised the official estimate to more than 4,000. They say that projects to provide water tanks and reopen migration routes blocked by farming should ensure their survival. There were probably 12,000 elephants at the turn of the century.

Many elephants die by falling down pits dug by gem miners, or stumbling into abandoned, overgrown wells. But the biggest threat is from peasant farmers, who can see six months' work destroyed in a night of foraging by just one elephant. Many of the animals have become aggressive, and increasing numbers of villagers are trampled to death. Elephants have been known to destroy entire villages in search of stocks of salt.

The home-made muzzle-loader rifles produced by country blacksmiths fire nails, stones and pieces of metal — enough to injure, but not to kill outright. It can take months for an elephant to die of its wounds. Landmines also exact a toll. The young elephant in the orphanage is one of the few to survive a mine, although many would argue that death would have been kinder.

Israelis demand Cairo pardon for spy

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

RELATIONS between Israel and Egypt plummeted further yesterday as Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, stepped up pressure on President Mubarak of Egypt to pardon an Israeli Druze convicted of spying for the Jewish state.

"I told him that we expect him to find a way to pardon or release Azam Azam and bring him back to Israel," the Prime Minister told Israel radio in an interview about a personal telephone call he made to Cairo. "As Prime Minister, I will not rest until he returns home. He is an innocent man."

The radio reported that President Weizman also intended to intervene in the case by contacting his Egyptian counterpart in a new attempt to secure release for the alleged spy. Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister, described Azam's lengthy sentence as a "tragedy".

On Sunday, an Eygptian state security court convicted Azam of making criminal arrangements to spy for Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency, and sentenced him to 15 years' hard labour. Azam, an engineer in a factory making underwear on the outskirts of Cairo, was arrested last November on the eve of an Arab-Israeli economic conference when he was picked up outside his hotel by Egyptian agents.

Azam's alleged Eygptian accomplice, Emad Abdel Hamid Ismail, and two Israeli Arab women — tried in absentia — were all given life sentences on the same charges at the conclusion of the sensational hearing. Assad Assad, Mr Netanyahu's adviser on Druze affairs, said in Cairo: "Egypt has no interest in Israelis. Azam's sentence is a clear message to the Israeli businessmen who do business here."

The bizarre trial, which began on April 24, brought Egyptian-Israeli relations to their lowest point since the 1979 peace treaty, the first between Israel and an Arab state. "He did not spy, even for a moment," Mr Netanyahu said in a separate interview.

☐ **Ban eased:** Israel last night relaxed its closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, apparently to improve relations with the Palestinians before the visit by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State. Four thousand labourers, 2,000 merchants, 250 teachers and 200 employees of the Palestinian Authority will be allowed in. *(AP)*

Thai 'hero cabbie' admits to hoax

Bangkok: A taxi driver who became a national hero after reportedly returning 19 million baht (£350,000) to a French passenger yesterday confessed that his story was a hoax.

The admission came after the local press hailed the humble driver as a symbol of honesty. A caller to a radio phone-in programme had told the story of the incident at Bangkok airport last month. But a voice analysis test by police revealed that the cabbie was the same man who called the talk show to report the act.

The taxi driver, who received honours as well as 200,000 baht in awards and gifts, said on television that he would pay back the money, although he had already spent 50,000 baht of the proceeds.

Lieutenant-General Sophon Voratchanont, the metropolitan police chief, said his officers expected to conclude their investigations next week and would request from the Interior Ministry a warrant for the cabbie's arrest. *(AFP)*

US tobacco farmers fear falling demand after cigarette deal

FROM IAN BRODIE IN CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THESE are stressful times for America's tobacco farmers, who are suffering from high anxiety as the forgotten men of the multibillion-dollar deal to pay for smoking-related illnesses and to abolish the promotion of cigarettes to teenagers.

The agreement, which is still awaiting approval by Congress and President Clinton, was reached between manufacturers on one side and state prosecutors and health groups on the other.

The farmers, excluded from the deal, are pleading for guarantees of help from the Government and the beleaguered industry. Adding to their woes, their golden harvest has been adversely affected by the weather this year and prices are down.

Worried faces scan the pungent bales of newly picked tobacco in a warehouse the size of two football fields in the North Carolina farming town of Clinton.

Fred Holland farms 85 acres of tobacco that will probably bring in $1,500 (£937) an acre, down from last year's $2,000. He questioned why firms producing Marlboro and other top-selling cigarettes have agreed to pay $368.5 billion over 25 years to compensate for the medical and other costs of smoking.

He patted his ample stomach and said: "I love to overeat, but I can't sue McDonald's for selling me greasy French fries. We're all going to go through the medical system and die some time, costing money. Why charge the tobacco industry?"

Mr Holland misses the point that the firms are trying to limit their liability and to avoid damaging court cases showing how much they knew about the dangers of smoking. "No one ever held a gun to someone's head and forced them to light up," Mr Holland said. "And it can't be addicttive because millions have stopped."

Freedom of choice is a mantra heard repeatedly in tobacco country. Nonetheless, tobacco folk mostly choose not to smoke.

Tommy Hobbs and his two sons, John and Tommy Jnr, trace their tobacco-growing heritage back to British colonial times. Output from America's 124,000 tobacco farms has been flat since 1990 and is 25 per cent below levels in the 1970s.

The Hobbs trio bridle at suggestions of being engaged in anti-social work. Like their neighbours, the Hobbs family has diversified into other crops, but none comes close to tobacco's rewards.

In Washington's greatest contradiction, the Government zealously discourages smoking while running a price-support programme that amounts to money in the bank for tobacco farmers. It guarantees them a minimum return on crops in exchange for strict limits on acreage planted.

Dan Glickman, the Agriculture Secretary, says that price supports are likely to continue but he has refused to endorse farmers' demands for cash buyouts and other economic help.

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US role in Holocaust gold saga heralds fiery test of diplomacy

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

The German Finance Ministry is run by calm, even stolid Rhinelanders who favour long weekends. They do not panic easily. Yet the ministry now resembles an upset ants' nest, and not only because of its increasingly erratic chief, Theo Waigel, nor even because of the black-magical book-keeping of economic and monetary union.

The problem is Robin Cook's December conference on Nazi gold. To establish how much gold was stolen by the Germans from the Jews and from occupied countries, key Reichsbank files need to be analysed. But most have disappeared. No one in the ministry, nor in the Bundesbank can track them down. This is more than a spot of embarrassment. As the historian Hersch Fischler has found, both the Germans and Americans had copies of these documents which list the origins of gold, silver and jewellery brought to the Reich. The Americans filmed the papers and stored the records in Washington. These copies are also missing or seriously depleted. Between 200 and 300 Reichsbank files, comprehensive catalogues of gold deliveries, survived the Second World War.

After 1945 they were placed under the supervision of the US Foreign Exchange Depository in occupied Germany. According to reports compiled by a US Treasury Department official, the files were handed over in 1948 to the Bank of German *Länder* (states), the forerunner of the Bundesbank. But the transfer took place "after a copy had been made of the files in order to make the information available to Washington". By 1956, the German Finance Minister — pressed about plundered gold by colleagues in The Netherlands and Italy — was declaring that such files no longer existed. Between 1948 and 1956, in other words, they were either hidden or destroyed.

Dr Fischler is not a conspiracy theorist nor is he anti-American. But he can smell a rat. Both the Germans and the Americans, he reasons, had an interest in these files disappearing. He says: "The young West German state had a motive because Albert Thoms, the deputy director of the future Bundesbank, was the former head of the Reichsbank's gold department. And America was drawn in because it gave gold — knowing it to have been stolen — to the newly resurrected Central Bank of Western Europe."

His point is clear: it is hypocritical of America to lead the attack against Swiss wartime profiteering, since it once possessed the files which would have provided the basis for a proper compensation of Holocaust victims.

Tainted gold was put in the pot of the tripartite commission — comprising America, Britain and France — and distributed to war-damaged countries and other beneficiaries. There is no suggestion that Washington profited from the Nazi booty. The postwar priority was clear: to create stable gold-backed economies in Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe, and above all to fortify the Continent for the Cold War with Moscow.

The discoveries by Dr Fischler — who has ploughed through German federal archives, the ghetto records of Lodz and the company documents of Degussa, the main German gold smelter — show some of the difficulties of managing Mr Cook's London conference. Will it try to put Switzerland in the dock? Well-researched books, by Tom Bower and Adam LeBor, the crusading of Senator Alfonse d'Amato and the World Jewish Congress have flushed out most of the facts about the behaviour of Swiss banks.

Everyone agrees it is not a pretty story. But there is still some vagueness about how much dirty gold really ended up in Zurich. As long as the Germans and America cannot come up with the missing files, Switzerland will have a line of defence. And Washington may come under fire itself.

In Germany, this remains a war subject: not because the country fears more Nazi revelations — the German press no longer shies away from such self-exposure, even self-flagellation — but because it could somehow poison US-German relations.

Dr Fischler's suspicions about America's postwar behaviour have been given some marginal publicity (Deutsche Welle radio, for example) but the mainstream press is giving the subject a wide berth.

US-German relations are delicate, German-Jewish ties even more so. The London conference will, I suspect, be Mr Cook's test of fire as a diplomat. The search continues, meanwhile, for those missing dossiers.

WORLD SUMMARY

Olympic office is bombed

Athens: A bomb has exploded outside the offices of the Greek Olympic Committee in an apparent attempt to derail the city's bid to host the 2004 Games, police said.

The home-made bomb, set off on Sunday by anarchists, started a fire which was brought quickly under control and did little damage. In a telephone call to the media, a group calling itself "Struggle against Power" claimed responsibility.

It has carried out a dozen blasts in the last few years. The latest comes five days before a decision is made on the Games venue. *(AFP)*

Three hurt in Mafia clash

Naples: Two children, aged 10 and 12, and a man, 37, were wounded in crossfire during a gangland shootout near Naples, Italian newspapers and agencies reported. The gun battle between rival gangs of the Camorra, the Neapolitan Mafia, took place on Sunday in Torre Annunziata, a town on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius on the outskirts of Naples. *(AP)*

Algeria death toll rises

Paris: More than 50 people were killed in Algeria at the weekend, just days after the worst massacre in nearly six years of violence resulted in up to 300 deaths, Algerian newspapers said. They said that 19 civilians, most of them children, were killed in two attacks in the capital Algiers, at least another 20 were killed outside the city, and 15 Muslim rebels died. *(Reuters)*

Hundreds die in monsoon

Islamabad: Floods and landslides caused by monsoon rains in northern Pakistan have killed 140 people in the past week. In Punjab, where four of the five major rivers flowing through the central province broke their banks, 118 people died. Most were drowned or crushed when houses collapsed after more than 1,000 villages were flooded. *(Reuters)*

Enclave votes for president

Stepanakert: Nagorno-Karabakh, at the heart of a decade-long war between Azeris and Armenians, held elections for a new president despite foreign pressure to abandon the poll. Arkady Gukasyan, 40, "foreign minister" of the breakaway region, is expected to defeat two other candidates. A third of the 90,000 people eligible to vote had done so by midday. *(Reuters)*

Legal pause

Berlin: A labour court here failed to reach a decision in a dispute between a bass player who signed a bill "Adolf Hitler" in Israel, and the orchestra that fired him. Another court will hear the case. *(AP)*

Yeltsin aims to retire in 2000

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

ALEKSANDR NEMENOV / EPA

President Yeltsin greets a pupil on a visit yesterday to a school in Moscow to mark the start of the Russian academic year

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday startled his compatriots when he told a group of schoolchildren that he had no plans to remain in office beyond the turn of the century — when his presidential term expires.

Speaking to boys and girls at Moscow School No 1253 on the first day of term, the Russian leader said that a younger, more energetic, leader should be given the chance to run the Kremlin. "My term ends in 2000. I will no longer run for President," he said, to the astonishment of aides and assembled reporters.

The remarks were the clearest indication yet that the President, 66, the first democratically elected leader in Russian history, is planning to set another precedent by retiring of his own will.

Under the Russian constitution, he is barred from a third term. However, given his current level of political power in Russia, where there is almost no challenge to his authority, it would not be difficult to devise a way around the constitutional hurdle should he wish.

Although he was ill for most of last year, when he had a multiple heart bypass operation, today the Russian leader is a revitalised figure. He has lost weight, cut down on excessive drinking and is planning visits around the globe to cap his last years in office.

He has also begun delegating authority to the team of young reformers in his Government, and hinted broadly yesterday that he hoped his successor would be drawn from their ranks. That new generation is best personified by Boris Nemtsov, the Deputy Prime Minister, and former Governor of Nizhny Novgorod, who has been leading the opinion polls since May and currently ranks as Russia's most trusted politician with 21 per cent support.

However, the charismatic reformer will have to work hard over the next three years if he hopes to mount a serious challenge. He has recently become the target of a concerted smear campaign orchestrated by powerful financiers, angered over his role in a controversial privatisation deal. His relative inexperience in Moscow politics and his Jewishness could also prove big obstacles on his path to the Kremlin.

Another contender must be Yuri Luzhkov, the powerful Mayor of Moscow. Despite his repeated denials, most politicians, including members of his staff, believe the presidency is his secret goal. The Mayor is currently orchestrating a lavish celebration marking Moscow's 850th anniversary, an event many suspect is merely a public relations excercise to promote his image nationwide.

Certainly, the Moscow city boss is keen on projecting his image well beyond the capital's boundaries. He has recently launched a new television network, spent time on foreign visits and is financing charitable projects across Russia. However, he must overcome public anger at his continued association with suspected underworld figures, and the traditional suspicion that Moscow arouses in the rest of Russia.

Apart from the two new contenders, many of last year's unsuccessful candidates are also likely to have another shot at the presidency. Aleksandr Lebed, the gruff former paratroop general, who came third last year, still has a solid following in Russia: he is respected for his tough, incorruptible approach to politics and for ending the bloody war in Chechnya.

Another likely challenger will be Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, who came second last year and can still count on the rank-and-file support of millions of communists who mourn the passing of the Soviet Union.

☐ **German pledge:** In a move that could help to resolve the dispute over looted art treasures, President Herzog of Germany promised yesterday during a four-day visit to Russia that his country would seek to return panels of the famed 18th-century Amber Room, which were stolen by Nazi forces from the palace of Catherine the Great outside St Petersburg. *(AP)*

EU gives cash to clean up Bohemian vice zone

Roger Boyes

reports on plans to supply tea and condoms in a safe-sex project

THE European Union is to help to finance the cleaning-up of one of the Continent's most active red-light districts, providing tearooms and launderettes for prostitutes in Bohemia.

The beneficiaries of the Brussels largesse are the hundreds of prostitutes who line the roads of the Czech Republic close to the German frontier. Their low prices are a magnet for German customers and the region has become a important source of East-West sex tourism. More and more customers are returning with some form of sexually transmitted disease.

The EU has agreed to earmark £50,000 a year until 2000 to help finance a safe-sex project jointly run by the Bavarian region of Cham and the neighbouring Czech region of Domazlice. The area encompasses about 45 miles of shared frontier, densely populated with prostitutes. Even the smallest villages on the Czech side boast a "Gentlemen's Club" or a "Bar Angelika", neon-lit clubs which are fronts for brothels.

Along a six-mile stretch of highway, 150 prostitutes ply their trade every night. Sex is usually conducted in a car on a country lay-by. Two Germans were recently killed by Czech pimps on this road but the main risk is from unprotected sex. A recent study showed that a third of the prostitutes — many of them drawn from the former Soviet Union, from Romania and Slovakia — were infected.

"We do not see ourselves as the extended arm of the police," says Heide Fleischmann, the project leader. Her first aim will be to seek contact with prostitutes, brothel owners and pimps, and persuade them to issue and use condoms. "We do not want to give these people the impression that we are trying to spoil their business."

The EU money will, according to Tatjana Sindelarova, from the hygiene office in Domazlice, be used to set up mobile tearooms to distribute advice, sympathy and contraceptives to the prostitutes. "Women will also be able to shower here and wash their clothes," says Mrs Sindelarova.

The real signifiance of the EU aid is that it has given enhanced status to prostitutes' collectives, self-help groups that have sprung up in Berlin, Nuremberg, Frankfurt and other cities. They have been campaigning for the Government to recognise prostitutes as a normal service sector and — since German prostitutes pay tax — to have equal rights to pensions and social insurance.

A study by the Berlin senate calculated that there are at least 500 brothels in the city, employing more than 5,000 women. Over half of these prostitutes are from Eastern Europe and are often operated by Russian pimps; this in turn has fed organised crime and contributes to the many gang wars.

The EU grant thus has a broader target, as it is recognised that Germany has a special problem with crime imported from the East. European assistance will help the Government to persuade Germans that Brussels is not indifferent to cross-border criminality and perhaps ease the spreading disdain for the way that the EU distributes its funds. But it is also likely to stir up controversy from those who believe that European cash should not be squandered on winning over the trust of brothel owners.

Cheap prostitutes attract Germans to the Czech Republic

Serb crowd stones Nato troops guarding TV mast

FROM REUTERS IN BANJA LUKA

ABOUT 100 Serbs pelted Nato soldiers with stones yesterday as they guarded a television transmitter in northeastern Bosnian Serb territory, a United Nations spokesman said.

Andrea Angeli, spokesman for the International Police Task Force in Tuzla, said the soldiers were guarding a transmitter at Udrigovo, near Bijeljina. There were no immediate reports of injuries and it was not known who the attackers were, but hardliners loyal to Radovan Karadzic, the indicted war crimes suspect, have attempted several times to retake the transmitter.

Major Chris Riley, a Nato spokesman, said Stabilisation Force troops had repulsed at least two attempts by groups to take the Udrigovo transmitter. They had disarmed one group of 27 people, some armed with assault weapons, and turned back an unarmed crowd who said they were supporters of President Plavsic.

In the tense northeast of Bosnian Serb territory, where Dr Karadzic is locked in a power struggle with the Western-backed Mrs Plavsic, a small crowd jeered and threw rocks at a convoy of American armoured vehicles just outside Ugljevic, on the road between Bijeljina and Tuzla. Some of the people who attacked the convoy appeared to have arrived in buses, which were parked nearby. There were no injuries.

The incident came just five days after American soldiers under Nato command were attacked by an angry mob in the eastern town of Brcko. Two soldiers were injured in the riot, one seriously, and the attack was condemned by the White House and Nato command in Brussels.

Italian men are taught a few home truths

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALIAN men have been urged to cast aside their macho image and become "new men", on the grounds that changing nappies, sewing on buttons and doing the laundry will make them more virile rather than less.

"Plunge your hands into the washing and devote yourself to making good things in the kitchen," said the organisers of a "new man" club after a four-day symposium held in the town of Calcata, in the hills of Lazio, north of Rome.

The club claims to have 15,000 members throughout Italy, and aims to set up a "new man" centre in every town. "Housework is not effeminate: on the contrary, your wife or partner will benefit from your extra powers," the organisers said.

The club faces an uphill struggle in the country of *la bella figura*, where men are pampered by their mothers and wives, and learn from an early age that life revolves around them. "We want to rid ourselves of the image imposed on Italian men which forces them to pretend they are all perfect lovers when in fact they are stressed," said Antonio D'Andrea, one of the founders. He said some of the members were retired or unemployed, but most were professional men in their thirties and forties who had tired of the rat race.

At Calcata, which was chosen for its rural calm, men are taught "the essential skills of house-husbandry" such as how to darn socks, sew on buttons, bottle tomatoes and make jam.

Potential new men are urged to avoid washing machines, on the ground that the effort of washing clothes by hand increases strength and "potency". One recruit said: "We're going down to the local river shortly to learn how to pound clothes on rocks."

In the kitchen, members are told to eschew frozen food and opt for "wholesome recipes" involving rice, chickpeas and home-grown tomatoes. "Keeping a house in order and preparing healthy meals amounts to shock treatment for the virility crisis of modern man," Signor D'Andrea told *La Repubblica*. "Modern stress is reducing men's potency and sperm counts."

Another founder member, Paolo D'Arpini, a former electronics factory executive, said he had found changing nappies "disgusting" but had gradually come to see that being with his son was more important than working.

Alex Marenghi, an antiques dealer, said he prided himself on his cleaning and sweeping. "I have always enjoyed going camping with male chums, and when you live under canvas you all muck in to do the washing and cleaning. You also find yourself gossiping about your love lives while doing the chores."

La Repubblica commented that, in reality, housework was profundly boring and many women led lonely lives in urban flats rather than communing with others.

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You can break the law and get away with it, if the sums of money involved are huge

Freedom, money and morality

In the final part of our series **Dorothy Rowe** questions our attitudes to money

If there is one universal rule, it is "in making money you can break the law and get away with it, provided the sums of money involved are huge". Steal a few hundred dollars and you will go to jail. Steal a hundred million and the worst that can happen to you is that you will have to live in luxury in some foreign clime.

This is not just because if you are rich, you can afford good lawyers. Dishonesty on a massive scale involves many people, most of whom like to think of themselves as honest and upright. They will use their power and influence to protect themselves, and thus you.

Why do people stray from their principles when money is in the offing? Because money means more — more choice, more freedom, more goodies. There is also our fundamental insecurity — of being always in danger of being overwhelmed by events in a world over which we have so little control. With money we can demand that the world be what we want it to be. So Asil Nadir, who in 1990 faced a bankruptcy petition for millions of pounds and a long set of criminal charges, suns himself in northern Cyprus, and Mrs Jones is banged up in Holloway because she cannot pay her television licence.

The callousness of the market and the fine distinctions we all make about the importance of money was something I learnt about early in life. My mother disapproved of gambling. She discovered that my father had given his brother money to help him with a gambling debt and threatened to end their marriage.

Mother had a habit of hiding special things in the oven. One evening dad arrived home and found her in tears. Because the weather had suddenly turned cold, she had lit the stove and burnt a very special pair of silk stockings. Dad reached into his pocket, took out a wad of notes and offered them to her. They could have come from only one place, a bookmaker's. Without a word she reached out and took the money.

Why does the chance of getting money so often override the most dearly held principles? In my mother's case, I know why. She was the fourth of six in a family where blows and harsh words were plenty and kisses rare, and so the hole inside her was as wide and deep as the Pacific.

The fact that we go around with these holes inside us is not an excuse for being greedy or behaving dishonestly. It is simply one of the factors we need to take into account when we are choosing how we shall live our lives.

We need to consider as well our responsibility to other people and the consequences of our actions.

If it is wrong to steal a million from a company, is it also wrong to steal small quantities of that company's stationery? A personnel manager told me how she had done some research on the quantity of stationery lost when employees think along the lines of "I need a new hole punch at home, so I'll take this one and order another through stationery". The total value of the stuff taken made it a major crime. Such activity can arise from having a relativist view with very relaxed definitions of right and wrong, or an absolutist view and be well practised in fudging.

By fudging I mean big leaps in argument, changing the meanings of the words used from one statement to another and ignoring the inconvenient facts to arrive at a conclusion that benefits the fudger.

Understanding our lack of virtue is simply a matter of observing what happens to us and how we interpret what happens to us. Morality is concerned with how we behave towards one another.

We are all born lacking a conscience, not because we are inherently wicked, but because we lack the concepts necessary for a conscience. Once we discover other people and have the chance to form a bond with one mothering person, we soon acquire a conscience, because we realise that to maintain this bond, we have sometimes to relinquish our own needs and wishes and defer to someone else. We can no longer be totally selfish, though sometimes we might try.

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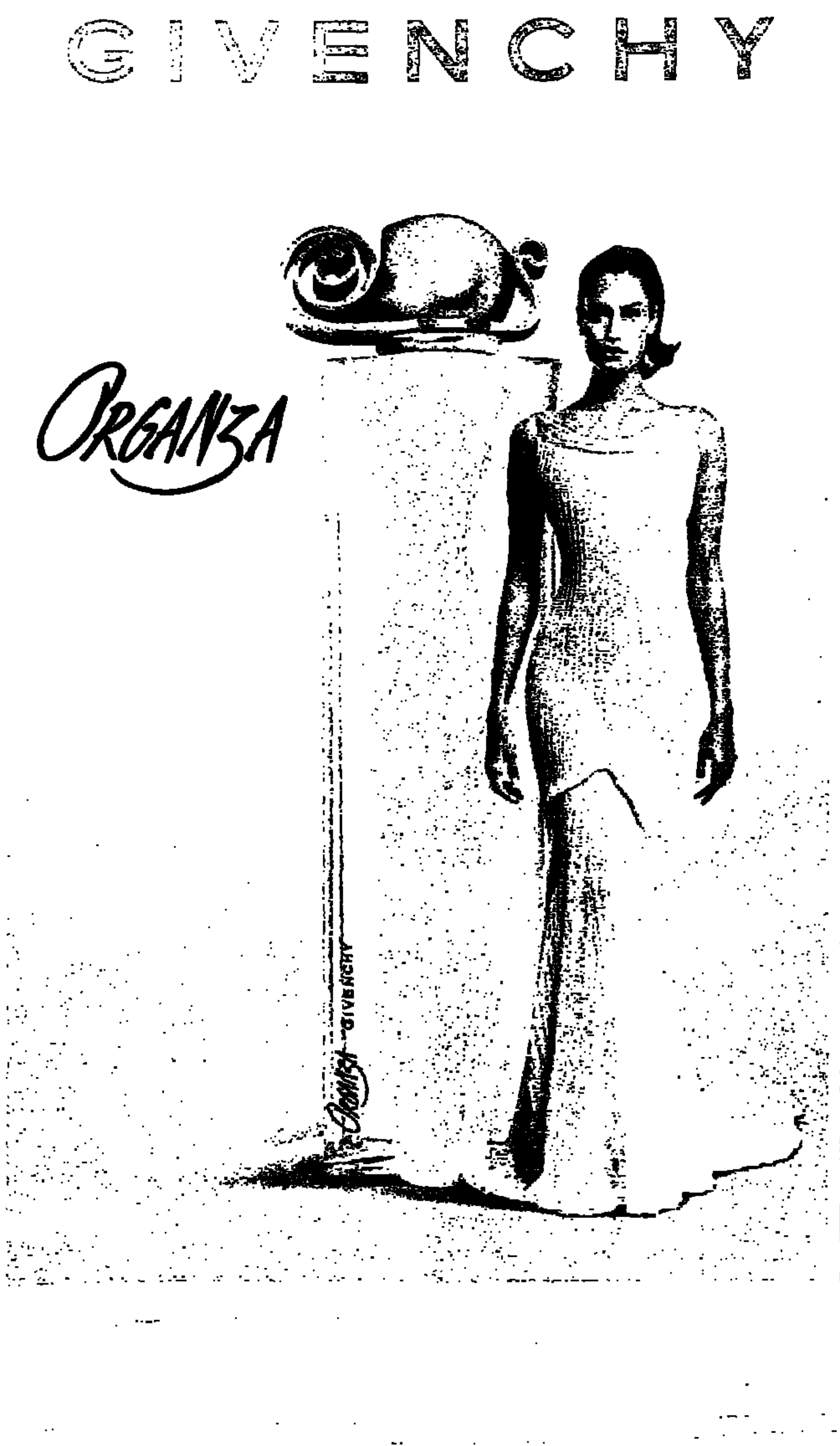

The day Diana died

Everyone will remember where they were when they heard the news that Diana had died, says **Sue Corrigan**

ASHLEY COOMBES

Lord Blake heard the news on the radio at 4.55am. "I lay staring ahead of me. Sleep would have been impossible"

The news was so shocking that for a brief moment, time froze. It was precisely the same sensation as hearing the first unbelievable reports, 34 years ago, that John F Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas.

The shock was made even worse by the merciless timing. Sunday morning is, for most, a peaceful, sleepy, cosy time. Nothing much happens. Few people are out and about, there is little traffic, the telephone doesn't ring for a few hours, and all seems blessedly quiet.

This Sunday morning was to be different. All over Britain, telephones shrilled in the early morning as friends and relatives rang from across the world to break the news. It was as though people overseas needed to speak to someone in Britain before they could believe the news flashes on their own television and radio stations.

> 'I had to go to Paris, so I decided to see the tunnel'

But taking the calls, often when only half-awake, people in this country had to rush to their own television and radio sets before they themselves could believe what they were hearing.

Around Britain, people were woken by the sound of family members crying or shouting out the news from kitchens and sitting rooms. Others were woken by clock radios, broadcasting not Sunday morning's usual soothing music, but first details of the ghastly events in Paris.

Just as on the day of John F Kennedy's death, every person in Britain will remember for the rest of their lives exactly where they were and what they were doing when they first heard the news that Diana, Princess of Wales, was dead.

The following are just a few accounts:

DAVID Leigh, of Horsham, West Sussex, was woken at 6.30am by a phone call from his mother in Australia. Because of time zone differences — Australia is nine hours ahead of the UK — millions of Australians had already heard the news on early afternoon television and radio bulletins. "My mother was semi-hysterical," he says. Mr Leigh's wife, Sue, says: "I live in fear of a call in the middle of the night informing me that someone in my family has been killed. I went into the sitting room to ask about the call and my husband told me he had some bad news and that I had better sit down. He told me to turn on the TV because, frankly, I didn't believe him.

"I had to go out a few hours later and I left the house in a complete daze. I was so preoccupied and shocked that I almost caused a crash myself."

ANNABEL Heseltine: "I was in Brussels with friends. I came downstairs in the morning and they were all watching TV. I had to go through Paris to get home, so I decided to see the tunnel where she died."

CAROL Midgely, a *Times* journalist, was visiting her parents in Lancashire. Her father shouted out the news up the stairs, waking her at 8.30am. "My parents were really shocked. I jumped in the car to return to London but the journey took about seven hours because of bad delays on the M1. I saw many people in cars alongside me crying."

VIRGINIA Ironside, agony aunt: "A friend rang me surprisingly early to ask me if I'd heard the news. I thought she must have an appalling piece of gossip to ring this early — like a mutual friend had run off with a show girl. What was interesting was that she felt it was intimate gossip, which shows how much Diana meant to everybody. I took a flower to Kensington Palace. When I got there I couldn't believe I was doing it."

BRYCE Corbett, a tourist, says: "I was checking out of my hotel when the desk clerk asked me if I had heard. I didn't believe it, so he turned on the radio so I could hear for myself. I spent about four hours wandering aimlessly around Oxford listening to a radio through headphones, completely numbed. Then I called my girlfriend in Australia about it and then a friend in London. I needed to talk about what had happened."

RICHARD Branson, the head of the Virgin Group, was flying from Los Angeles to London when the news came through. He was on board the *Lady in Red*, the plane which the Princess had named three years earlier. "The fax said that her friend had been killed and that she had been seen staggering from the car. We desperately hoped that she was okay," says Mr Branson who had regularly dined with the Princess.

Mr Branson fell asleep but was woken by the pilot. He was ashen-faced. "I will never forget it. He said: 'Princess Diana is dead.' I knew what he was saying must be true but I did not want to believe it." Shortly before they touched down Mr Branson broke the news to the passengers. Many broke down in tears.

"When we landed at Heathrow it was eerily quiet. Then I knew for sure that she had gone. I will miss her."

MICHAEL Knipe, of Camden, went to bed relatively early on Saturday, leaving his wife to watch a late-night movie. "My wife heard the first news flash that Dodi Fayed had been killed and woke me up. We listened to the radio for a while. As soon as I woke, I turned on the radio again and listened to the news until about 9am, when I turned on the television coverage, which I found totally hypnotising.

"In the afternoon we walked around Holland Park and as we were quite close to Kensington Palace, I suggested we go there. There were about 1,000 people there at 4pm. We stayed for about 30 minutes, then returned home, watching the television coverage again until quite late into Sunday night."

JAMES Naughtie, co-presenter of Radio 4's *Today* programme: "I was woken by my editor just after 2am. After I arrived, in a very unshaven state, at Broadcasting House, it gradually became clear that the events were much more serious than we first thought. By the time we went on air at 5am I knew Diana, Princess of Wales was dead. For me there wasn't a stunning moment when the news broke which meant that the enormity of the event took some time to dawn on me.

> 'I knew it must be true but I did not want to believe it'

"The most poignant moment was not when I was on air, but when I watched the plane land at RAF Northolt with the sound of the last hymn at St. Paul's playing in the background. That is a scene I will not forget.

"I was on air from 5 am until 9.30, with Peter Allen of Radio 5 Live. We were broadcasting on Radio 2, 3, 4 and 5, breaking news to the nation as they were waking up. The extraordinary realisation that when we were saying what had happened for the fifth or sixth time at 8.00am and 9.00am, we knew that people would be waking up with no idea that we had been living with these events for hours."

PORTIA Colwell was at her parents' home in Beaulieu, Hampshire. She was woken by the sound of her mother "crying her eyes out". "My boyfriend had called earlier that morning with the news, and my mother spoke to him. I was lying in bed and I heard her crying. I was extremely upset when she told me.

"I really admired Diana for her charity work. We turned the TV on immediately but then we had to get out of the house. We went for a long walk. Everyone around the village was very quiet, and all the flags were at half-mast. I don't think anyone could quite believe it. I can't believe she's not just going to be back in the newspapers tomorrow."

LORD Blake, the constitutionalist and historian who advises Buckingham Palace, was in bed listening to the BBC World Service. He had switched on at 4.30am after a bad night's sleep. "The music was dismal. At 4.55am the programme was interrupted by a voice saying: 'We interrupt the programme to bring the sad news of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and her companion Dodi Fayed in a motor car accident in Paris.' There was no doubt.

"It was a dreadful feeling. I was absolutely stunned. I lay staring ahead of me. I decided to get up. Sleep would have been impossible."

The historian went downstairs and turned on the television. "I was glued to it for three hours. I did not move. And then the phone started ringing."

Lord Blake says he was working in his study when he heard about the assassination of President Kennedy: "But this news about the Princess was much more shocking because of her youth, her beauty, her young sons, and the fact she was doing so much good. I still feel numb today."

CLEMENTINA Ajuonuma, of Newham, East London, was woken by the sound of her mother's screams of horror and disbelief after turning on the television to watch an early news bulletin on Sunday morning. "She was so shocked and upset, she was almost hysterical," Clementina says.

"Just after my mother heard, an aunt rang. She had been called at 6am by a relative in Florida, and then shortly after by another relative in Italy. We left at 8.30am to go to church. Everyone at the service knew. Many were crying."

LORD Archer of Weston-super-Mare was woken with the news by a telephone call at 4.10am from his closest friend Sir Nicholas Lloyd, the former editor of the *Daily Express*. "I woke Mary. Her first words were: 'Those poor boys'."

Within minutes the telephone was ringing with interview requests from broadcasters around the world. "It was one of the darkest moments of my life," he said. When John F. Kennedy died Lord Archer was in the Oxford Union. "The Union president announced that the president of the United States had been assassinated and that he was closing the Union for the night. We all left. People will remember when they were told about the death of Princess Diana for generations. They will never forget."

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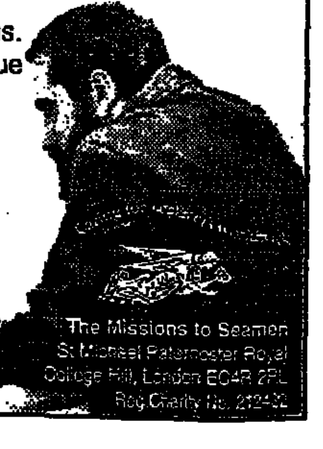

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The Princes should be able to talk about their mother to people who cared for her

The Princess's death may haunt other children whose parents are divorced. **Bill Frost** reports

WAYNE STARR

The young Princes' ordeal might be harder to face given "the professional dignity and emotional control of the family they have been born into"

The violent death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has left millions grieving for her and feeling sympathy for her *sons, the young Princes* William and Harry, left behind to face life without a mother's love. Blanket coverage of the tragedy may also have traumatised thousands of children and adolescents who have gone through their par*ents' divorce and now fear* an even greater loss of stability — that they, too, will have a parent taken from them for ever.

Dr Dora Black, a consultant psychiatrist specialising in the emotional and traumatic *stress disorder problems of the* young, warns that the death of the Princess will have produced an emotional effect wider than the immediate sense of bereavement, and one which will require immediate attention.

"After this appalling accident, children from a single-parent family — made that way by divorce — who have witnessed the separation of *their parents will themselves* be worried about their mothers. There will be a considerable upsurge in anxiety.

"No one has been left unmoved by this event, the tragic and early death of Diana, but for the young and vulnerable it is *particularly unsettling.* Many will be worried, consciously or otherwise, that their mothers will be killed in a car accident or other trage*dy, too — that they will* be left without any parents at all."

Dr Black says that younger children may want to follow their mothers everywhere — even into the lavatory. "The parent must understand that this is a temporary but very *serious reaction to what* has happened and the coverage of the story; if one very high-profile mother is taken from her children, why should it not *happen to them?*"

Older children and *adolescents* whose parents are separated will also experience an increase in anxiety at the prospect of bereavement. "They may well worry a great deal but not voice their fears," says Dr Black.

"That concern will *manifest* itself in disobedience, disagreeable behaviour and moodiness. The unconscious rationale behind the behav*iour is 'She may well reject me* [by dying], so I will reject her first'."

Parents still together may also find their children displaying similar symptoms after exposure to the inescapable coverage of Diana's death. They too must stress that such events, though tragic, are fortunately rare, says Dr Black.

"Tell your children that you will look after yourselves and always drive carefully. Diana's death was horrible but it *does not mean that every* mother will die that way.

"I cannot stress highly enough though that parents, particularly divorced parents, *should anticipate these prob*lems. They ought to start talking out their children's insecurities now."

Dr Black is concerned that any child returning to school in such circumstances should be treated with care and *compassion.*

"The death should be acknowledged, not swept under the carpet. Pupils and teachers should be able to approach and say 'I am really sorry your mother has died'.

"Most importantly there *should be no bullying or* teasing; headmasters and other teachers must ensure that doesn't happen. I'm afraid such behaviour is not un*known and no child should be* exposed to that at such a sensitive time, particularly when violent bereavement is concerned.

"There *is a higher risk* of psychological damage after sudden bereavement, so any *child should be given help* in talking about their mother to people around them, people they feel cared as much for their mother as they *did.*

"Again, talking in general terms, they must be allowed to attend the funeral *and to view the body* — that helps in the process of acknowledging that she really is dead.

"At *the funeral* iteslf they must be supported by someone close. It does not necessarily have to be *a parent — it could be* a nanny or family friend."

Another child psychiatrist, who would *speak about the* Princes only on the condition of anonymity, said yesterday that their ordeal *might be harder* to face given "the professional dignity and emotional control of the family they had been born into".

He told *The Times*: "That is not a criticism, many families find it hard to express their *deepest feelings* at a time like this. However, when you are constantly in the public view, *that makes the image of stoic* dignity even more difficult to maintain and the pain of private grief even more heavy.

"No royal house welcomes tears from the main players at *a state funeral.* Ironically, of course, Diana herself would have been the first to break *that rule: she* allowed her emotions free expression."

Dr Stephen Palmer, director of the Centre for Stress Management, in southeast London, *said yesterday* that among adults faced with such tragedy, those left behind would *experience a complex gamut* of emotions. Those emotions might be all the more difficult to acknowledge when the equation was complicated by *the element of divorce.*

"I think the manifestations of normal grief run through sadness, anger, hostility, anxiety and self-reproach — but *that's in a normal* set of circumstances.

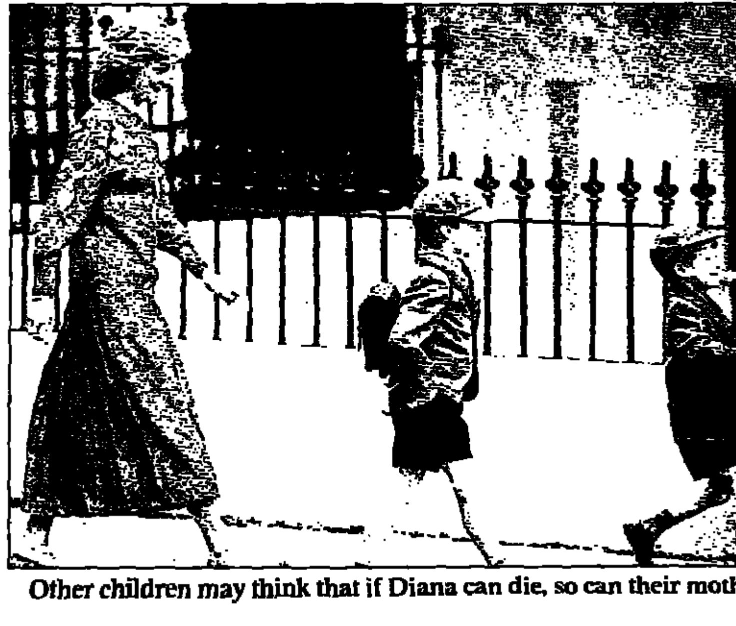
"If they have been exacerbated *for some reason — say* you are haunted by the feeling 'I should not have done that' and believe that others judge you as the guilty party for some reason — then guilt and self-reproach increase.

"*In some cases that can lead* to members of the surviving family blaming themselves for what has happened to the deceased. That leads to a very negative outlook on life, and on oneself, along with feelings of helplessness, loneliness and fatigue."

Children and adolescents tragically deprived of a parent, having already undergone the trauma of witnessing their mother and father getting divorced, *could give the im*pression of coming to terms with bereavement. However, the most trivial event could *send them plunging* back into numb disbelief.

"*The key issue* here is ensuring that substantial care is given to the child or adolescent *after the death of a parent.* Someone, ideally the surviving parent, must take over that role as best he or she can."

However, what course of *action lies open should* that person be emotionally colder or more withdrawn than the dead *parent?* "They *must* either make the effort, or someone who can attempt the task must step into the breach," says Dr Palmer.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Other children may think that if Diana can die, so can their mothers

"In *many extended families* there is such a support system available. But when it is not, that void must be filled, say by a favourite nanny or a relative. All the children want is stability and, sadly, the surviving *parent is not* always able to provide that."

For the children, maintenance of "routine, the appearance of life going on as normal" is central to swift acknowledgement and acceptance of the permanence of death. "They *must accept that* they will never see that person again and still be able to grieve at the same time."

Speaking specifically about the two Princes, Dr Palmer, a *chartered psychologist, said* they should be allowed to mourn in private. "Grief is a *very personal thing. Unfortunately*, there will be *intrusion* by press photographers and camera crews at the moment when they should be given the time and space to deal with *this tragedy away from the* limelight."

Susan Wallbank, a counsellor for the bereavement care organisation Cruse, of which *the Queen is a* patron, spoke yesterday of the problems faced by any family confronting the loss of a *member* already separated from them by divorce.

"I stress I am talking generally here — one is never judgmental, *one never talks* of dysfunctional families, it is most unhelpful. But in any family, *every* family, guilt is the most remarkable *feature of the grieving* process. Those left behind think, 'How could I have made things different', '*If only I could* turn the clock back'. That is true of the highest and lowest families in the land.

"*Both father and* mother brought a special set of qualities which their children came to recognise *and rely upon.* One could be warm, the other a bit more distant. That's the way people are, it doesn't suggest one is right or the other wrong to be *that* way.

"The one left behind must learn to replicate the qualities of the one who has gone. *The younger* the child, the greater the need for the father to be as warm and loving as the mother who has been taken from them.

"Although the loss is also horrific for the adult, he or she can still open up his or her *own history and find the* emotions given at childhood. They can cast themselves in a *joint role.*

People can change; and death changes everything. *While everything is permissible* in the early stages of grief, the parent who survives has a *duty to keep the family intact*, to alter if necessary — anything to ensure the survival of *the family.*"

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Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, recalls a lunchtime discussion with Diana about memos, mistresses and the media

A Perrier with the Princess

From the pavement where I was standing, in the *covered pathway to the* restaurant in Park Lane, there was not a paparazzo to be seen. Yet, according to the manager who had brought us the warning message, there was a pack of them out there.

Inside, sitting at the table where we had just finished lunch, was a worried waitress and the Princess of Wales. Outside, I was left looking through the haze of fumes to Marble Arch and back, unable to see the slightest bulge of Japanese plastic, the faintest glint of lens, the least sound of Italian-speaking, *motorbike-driving paparazzo.*

Somewhat shamefacedly, I returned to the table. Just as a precaution *The Times* driver was contacted and sent round to a side entrance. The Princess continued calmly to sip her bottled water and talk about herself, her husband, his family, her work, her problems and the complex cat's-cradle which the media wove between them *all.*

The date was May 18, 1994, not the worst of days for the then wife of *the Prince of Wales* but not a good day either. Even when she arrived at the restaurant, she had worn a quick smile and a bad-news frown. There was no preamble. Her face was stretched into the faintest pattern of lines and circles *and her question was wholly* rhetorical: "Well, do we know how this particular story got into the papers this morning?"

She did know. The subject of the day was the Princess's "grooming expenses" which, according to the *Daily Mail* and others, were higher than £3,000 a week. "My husband said it at a dinner party last week, where it got to Ross Benson and to Nigel Dempster and now there's all this stuff," she complained. Most of the "stuff" had been helpful hints from journalists about how much her various suits and shoes might have cost and how *readers might replicate them* at lower prices. "No one mentions all HIS stuff", she smiled dryly, "the bracelet at Christmas for me and the necklace, bought at the same time on the same bill from the same shop, which I never see."

I paused — in some surprise. We had spoken for barely five minutes. It was already clear that this was *not to be a wide-ranging* conversation. Whatever else is said about Diana, Princess of Wales, in this *dreadful week, let it not be said that* she lacked sophistication about the media, her use of it and its use of her. She could be as "on message" as the most disciplined determined New Labour apparatchik. She was as charming that day as everyone always says that she is. But she did not move outside the lines that she had most clearly defined.

Inside those lines were the very aspects of her life which most people keep outside in discussion with newspaper editors — her husband, his mistress, her in-laws, her own fragile sense of herself. Within minutes I felt I was talking to someone I knew. By the time that she had toyed her way *through her foie gras and lamb,* I knew things about her that I did not know about my closest friends.

I should admit now that, before this lunch, I had a very low level of interest in what I would have called at that time "our Royal soap opera". *I assumed, wrongly, that a large* amount of the journalism generated by the juvenile Windsors was misleading, false, fourth-hand, or worse. I did not immediately accept the analysis which she set out with such care. But this was long before the *Panorama* interview. To read what seemed like recycled gossip about iconic characters was one *thing. To hear so directly from the* central player was quite another. I presume that many others in our business had the same experience.

The Princess complained of how her husband's family divided the charity world between its long-established members — a *Duchess* for hospices, a Duke for animals, a Princess for children. Occasionally *twisting the stem of an empty glass,* she described how hard it was for her to enter where her real interests led and where the real demand for her was so high.

I had not expected her to be fond of the Dimbleby biography of her husband. But it was different again to hear her views directly. "Did you know that it originally was supposed to contain nothing about our relationship at all? How were readers supposed to think that the *children came? By immaculate* conception?"

"By divine right of kings," I ventured, trying with difficulty to enter into the spirit of this dialogue. "Oh great, by DI-vine right," she giggled. "That's just what did happen."

The speed with which she ran through her list of subjects would *not have disgraced a bank chair*man anxious to catch the Ascot train. One moment she was on the subject of John Major's allegedly feeble response to the "could Camilla be queen?" question: "Major and my husband are both very alike, quite BFs these days, always seeing each other." The next moment it was how photographers could help her to present her case to the people. Next it was how stuffiness and protocol prevented her from *going to John Smith's funeral:* "It may not have been a full state occasion but it became a powerful public event and no one from the Royal Family was there."

"Did you object or try and explain that to anyone?" I asked. "No, it would be awful to have been turned down twice," she said.

Underlying everything was her *sense of her personal contact,* through the media, with the British people and the family's fear of that. "*My husband's father once sent me* a long formal letter setting out the duties of the Princess of Wales. There was 'much more to it than being popular', he said. I sent him back a long letter in reply. He sent me a shorter one — and so on until I finally signed off with 'it's been so nice getting to know you like this'. One day those letters will all be *found* in the archives. So will the memos by which my husband and I communicate too. Can you believe it?"

She made *it clear that she* alone, she felt, could manage her image, her job and her family. She felt that her *husband's friends* were manipulating the press against her — as they had done on this very day — *and that her* only recourse was to fight like with like. And on this day too, she had a plan.

To my horror she began to set out a complicated story about how she had helped a tramp who had fallen into the Regent's Park canal and was going to see him in hospital that afternoon. This "*Diana rescues* tramp" story was new to me. But I had missed enough "royal exclusives" *in my life to be far from sure* that I had not just somehow missed *this one too.*

That prospect obviously worried her as well. I did not seem interest*ed enough. Some* bits of her story did not fit together as well as a true story should. Yet it seemed churlish to cross-examine a Princess who, in any case, had such a clear and crowded agenda of her own.

It was just at this moment that we were saved by the waitress and her warning that the newspaper paparazzi — with their special guides to pricing dresses, shoes and hats — were gathered outside the main restaurant door for her exit.

The Times car was at the side. We both slipped out of the door — and into the back seat. "University College Hospital," I said and we drove back across Park Lane. I began to explain to our passenger that *this ruse* was *all* rather pointless since no paparazzi were anywhere to be seen. Then she *pointed to the wooded area in* the central reservation of the road. First one lens caught the light. Then another behind a low branch, another on a thick trunk and others she said that she saw up in the trees. There was one man that she recognised, another that she began to wave to before the moment had passed and the car was on its way *to the tramp.*

There was then a sharp banging on the top of the car. I started with alarm. The Princess was much calmer. Sitting six feet above the road, holding no camera that either of us could see, a unicyclist was correcting his balance with a rest upon our roof.

Later that day a royal messenger *delivered a thick cream letter, thanking me for the* "rescue" in an airy open hand. "Today of all days it meant a great deal to me not to be photographed." The next day the newspapers carried *full acounts* of how the Princess had saved the tramp. *The Times* carried the story too, though without any briefing from me. It seemed perhaps the *least interesting part* of what the Princess had said.

Leave the boys alone to mourn

William and Harry deserve total privacy until they come of age

Libby Purves

The funeral will be for all of us, the people and the media as well as the true *family. Earl Spencer was* right to say that Diana, Princess of Wales, was more importantly part of a family: mother, sister, daughter. But on Saturday at Westminster Abbey the nation needs to give a formal tribute. We are touched too deeply to be excluded.

It will not be an easy event to organise: Britain has a sure touch *with such things, but how do you* combine decent formality with a fit remembrance of the informal Princess? Nothing military is apt, nor any heavy velvet pomp of monarchy; massed voices and high Anglican psalmody should be balanced with music and words more simple and personal. Yet not too personal: somehow at the heart of this great *public funeral the family grief must* be kept private. Families of lesser figures often keep funerals small and close, and hold a memorial service for colleagues many weeks later. This useful separation of private and public grief is not available to the Spencer and Windsor families now, and that is another hard thing they must bear.

But there is something we could offer in return. A solid promise, backed by any necessary sanctions: a small gesture of atonement for a life and death cursed by intrusion. We should promise, from now on, to keep away — and look away — *from her boys. Not* for a *month* or two, but until they are men. I propose that the Princes William and Harry should now be a taboo subject for all media until each is 18. From 18 to 21 they should have a lesser, but still exceptional, right to *privacy. Whatever awaits them in* adolescence — from girlfriends to hairstyles, from driving tests to cherry brandy — these two should be offered a gift: an unprecedented freedom from reporting.

Ban photos, gossip and comment. Media pressure is often talked about as if it were just a matter of photographs: wordy jour*nalists love to condemn,* with orotund glibness, their camera-wielding colleagues. But the fact is that words do as much damage. Which do you think the late Princess hated most: the pictures, in which she generally looked wonderful, or the catty, sniping, scolding columnists? Do you think there was no pressure and no *misery in the lying gossip, the* prurient speculation, and the nonsensical outbreaks of "cultural analysis" in which she was often confused with Marilyn Monroe (a promiscuous, drugged, sad case who never studied a landmine report or visited a hospice in her life)?

Do you think she would have *enjoyed the ridiculous* parallel drawn in a book published this week, interpreting her choice of a white dress for a party as an identification with Dickens's Miss Havisham? Do you think public figures do not suffer personally from the habit which even good newspapers have developed, of printing the impertinent speculations of *media psychiatrists* who ought to be struck off for pretending to use their medical training on a patient they have never met?

The boys, after their mother's *catastrophe, deserve better. In a* perfect world, every editor — from *Smash Hits* to *Panorama* — would promise from this moment to leave them entirely alone, photographically and journalistically, while they grow up. No insulting platitudes about "the grieving process", no opera glasses trained on their faces at the funeral, and in months *to come no pictures captioned* "Sad Harry learns to smile again". No lifestyle features, no gatefold pin-ups for the bedrooms of moronic teenage girls, no reporting of their inevitable embarrassing stumbles on the road to adulthood. In two years' time it should be possible to pass the Princes in the street and not to recognise them.

I feel strongly about this at the moment, having spent the week before the tragedy on a sailing boat with two 14-year-old boys. Both are as adamant as Ayatollahs that Diana's *sons deserve and need a* total, prolonged, guaranteed news blackout. "And be careful," one admonished me, "that when you write your piece saying that, you don't write anything about *them* by accident." So I hardly dare observe that Prince William is already known to dislike publicity and would most likely welcome entire freedom from it, even more than ordinary boys like them.

Of course it is not a perfect world *but a commercial one. Despite the* emotion of this week, it is ludicrously unlikely that any editor will voluntarily and unilaterally give up such a fascinating subject; not if there is a risk that competing editors will not. So what we need, in this unprecedented situation, is an unprecedented law. Some combination of the Children Act and the *existing mechanisms of injunction* and embargo could be invoked quite easily. After all, our legal system under the last Government seemed to find no trouble at all in bringing in a "Mary Bell order" preventing young Flora Keays, *daughter of Sara, from being* mentioned. Even her mother was not allowed to speak her name to anybody, "except", the judge kindly said, "perhaps your cleaner." When it comes to banning publication, the British experience seems to be that where there's a will, there's a way.

Mr Blair and the Prince of Wales are on friendly terms: they could together devise a blanket of total privacy for the Princes, and even extend it with reasonable efficiency to foreign publications. If it were known that any periodical which used a photograph or report on the young Princes' lives during their minority would risk having its *owner, staff and other contributors* banned permanently from Britain, or arrested if resident here, the game might lose its charm.

Of course, the Royal Family would have to join the self-denying ordinance. It could be decided that, *in these exceptional circumstances,* neither of the Prince of Wales's sons should perform any public duties, nor be visible patrons of any charity, nor pose for any released photographs until they are 18 (with, again, limited exposure until they *are 21). This may be a PR loss to the* Royal Family but given what has happened this week, the whole strategy of the family as a glitzy "firm" ought to be rethought, and the balance of PR and privacy reconsidered.

Some media people will think me crazy to suggest *this: they have been kind* enough to say so already. It will be argued that the nation has a "right" to see the future heir to the throne. But that is creepy, disingenuous nonsense: there is an immediate heir readily available for photography and interview at countless public occasions. The nation must make do with him.

There will also be portentous voices which will say that it is vital for the young Princes to be "groomed" for public appearances and duties during their minority, and that is even more nonsensical. The two members of the Royal Family who have carried out their public duties with most flair and popularity in this century are the Queen Mother — who never *did* any of it until her marriage — and Diana, Princess of Wales, who was a *nursery-school assistant until she* was 19. If the argument is that the boys must "get used" to constant exposure and its effects, I think they have already done that. If the argument is the robust line touted about by big, tough tabloid editors, that they must "get used to handling it" — for God's sake, how cruel can you get?

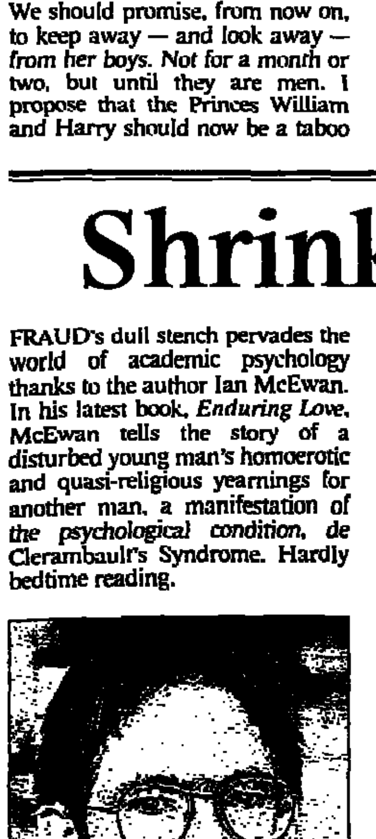
So offer Diana one last tribute, and her family a small atonement. Agree that after the funeral, there is no need for anybody but their friends, schoolmates and families to see or hear about the two Princes again until they are adults, fit to take on the strange, dangerous world they were born to. Let us simply have annual confirmation *in the Christmas broadcast that* they are well. It would be a grand gesture, and whatever it takes — law, self-restraint, shame, high-level meetings — it can only be worth it. It is the decent thing to do.

It could also offer the only chance we have that Prince (then King) William will ever, his whole life long, begin to forgive and to trust the fourth estate of his realm.

THE TIMES DIARY

Shrink to fit

FRAUD's dull stench pervades the world of academic psychology thanks to the author Ian McEwan. In his latest book, *Enduring Love,* McEwan tells the story of a disturbed young man's homoerotic and quasi-religious yearnings for another man, a manifestation of *the psychological condition, de* Clerambault's Syndrome. Hardly bedtime reading.



Homoerotica: Ian McEwan

To lend authenticity to the hypothesis within his novel, McEwan added an appendix, a paper by two psychologists: Dr Robert Wenn and Dr Antonia Camia. In it they examine a homosexual variant of the syndrome similar to that afflicting the character in *Enduring Love.*

McEwan, however, fails to make it clear in the book whether the paper is real or fictional. "I devised what they call in Hollywood a back story for Wenn and Camia: that they are a couple of homosexuals, who are only interested in homoerotic behaviour. If you look at their other published paper, it is called *Homosexual erotomania,* and was published in *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica,* which is a real journal and the most obscure that I could find. I submitted the fictional paper for publication but now I feel terribly guilty because the journal I sent it to has written back saying that it is considering it for publication."

For those editors of the psychological journals who may have received the Wenn-Camia paper and are considering publishing it, a suggestion: take the surnames of the two psychologists, shuffle round the letters and see if you can find the name of a certain well-known novelist.

Ward off

WHEN the Bishop of Coventry, the *Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward,* doffs his mitre for the last time on October 1, he will leave the Church of England, for the first time anyone can remember, without an old Etonian bishop.

Like a footballer with dodgy knees, however, life for Barrington-Ward will continue in the ecclesiastical second division. "I will have been bishop at Coventry for almost exactly 12 years," says Barrington-Ward. "It is hoped that I will be invited to assist at Ely when I retire." In a symbol of the modern C of E, he will find on the assistant bishop benches two more Old Etonian ex-bishops: the Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby, formerly Bishop of Southwark now assisting at Lichfield, and the Rt Rev Simon Phipps, once Bishop of Lincoln and now running the touchlines of Chichester.

● *After two years of campaigning, Brigitte Bardot has secured a ban on the annual rooster-slaughtering rite in the Hungarian hamlet of Csurgonagymarton. After fierce letters from the actress, the beleaguered mayor, Iren Csirem, was forced to compromise. "Miss Bardot got us so much negative press that we have decided to continue our Transylvanian game using clay roosters instead."*

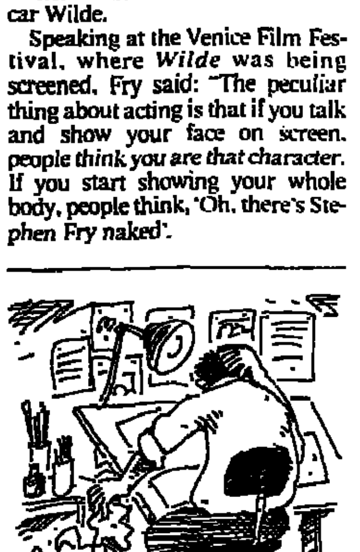
Shy Fry

TO Venice where the British comic actor and writer Stephen Fry yesterday described the acute embarrassment of undressing for the love scenes in his new movie about Oscar Wilde.

Speaking at the Venice Film Festival, where *Wilde* was being screened, Fry said: "The peculiar thing about acting is that if you talk and show your face on screen, people *think you are that character.* If you start showing your whole body, people think, 'Oh, there's Stephen Fry *naked*'.

"For a week before, I was a-blubber with terror that I would have to reveal my nipples."

In a *tone that did not suggest* false modesty, he added: "I think I share with Wilde a low sense of physical self-esteem."

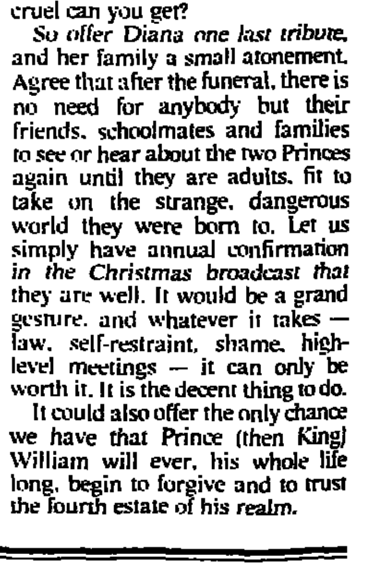


Role model

AUSTRALIAN clothes horse Elle Macpherson has incurred the *wrath of the Western Australian* Muslim community and morals campaigners, outraged that a pregnant, unmarried woman is being presented as a role model.

The perennially tanned Macpherson and her remarkable acting ability are the new features of a Western Australian Tourism Commission advertising campaign. And while the adverts were made long before the model fell pregnant to her French banking boyfriend, Arky Buisson, her critics are convinced that an unmarried, pregnant woman does not make a healthy role model.

"Elle is in a position of responsibility," said Australian Family Association president, John Barich. "It's a scandal."



Outrage: Elle Macpherson

As opposed to her nude film scenes, *Playboy* centrefolds and countless lingerie catalogues, which are, by exclusion, apparently acceptable social behaviour.

P·H·S

LET THE MOURNERS COME

A state occasion for a Princess of peace

Every life *is* unique, but not every death is mourned by an entire nation. Diana, Princess of Wales, was irreplaceable. Her funeral must allow the people to participate. Just as the Princess held a unique place in the hearts of her countrymen, so her obsequies should, as the Palace rightly acknowledged yesterday, be public and unique. So profound has been the outpouring of grief, so exceptional is the sense of loss felt by millions, that only a procession and funeral open to all, reported and broadcast throughout the world, will provide a much-needed national catharsis. The private burial in the Spencers' vault at Althorp should ensure that the natural desire of the Princess's family and friends to take leave of her away from the crowds is respected.

Westminster Abbey is the right place for the Princess's funeral, and not only for the practical reason that Parliament Square and Whitehall can accommodate vast throngs of mourners. St Paul's Cathedral, where she was married, would have evoked painful memories. A private funeral at Windsor or Althorp would scarcely have been appropriate to a woman who belonged not just to the Royal Family, but to humanity at large. The Princess's magnanimity deserves a magnificent gesture in return.

No other country has a royal shrine to compare with Westminster: a holy place since the 7th century, built by Edward the Confessor, England's *only* royal saint, beautified by everyone from Henry VIII to Wren and Hawksmoor. In the timeless solemnity of the Abbey, sacred not only to kings but also to poets and statesmen, the Princess's restless spirit can be at peace with the watching world. There she will be reunited for all time with the nation which once hoped to see her crowned there as queen.

Saturday's ceremony will not, strictly speaking, be a state funeral. Such formal obsequies have their origin in a divine-right monarchy for which continuity was all-important. In Stuart England, wax effigies of dead kings were still integral to the symbolism of succession. Only in modern times have a few commoners been accorded the honour. Churchill's, at St Paul's, was a splendidly sombre, unforgettable recessional, a kind of farewell not only to the man but to an imperial past. The Duke of Wellington's state funeral evoked some of Tennyson's noblest lines:

Bury the Great Duke
With an empire's lamentation,
Let us bury the Great Duke
To the noise of the mourning of a mighty nation . . .

This case is different. Though the Princess of Wales has left no less indelible a mark on the public memory than have past heroes, she won no wars — indeed, her campaign against landmines symbolised the anti-militaristic ethos of her generation. She wanted the monarchy to reflect a more pacific, though not pacifist, era. A gun-carriage might not be the most fitting vehicle for her coffin. Indeed, this funeral ought as far as possible to combine the immemorial rites of Church and State with the informality and modernity that were the Princess's hallmarks. Her charitable causes, however controversial, deserve a place in the ceremony; so do her favourite music or poetry.

The British pride themselves on their talent for improvised ceremonial. The Victorians were fecund in their invention of new traditions. The Royal Family has made a good start by heeding the Prime Minister's request that this should be a "people's funeral". A seamless fusion of the universal and the personal would be a worthy tribute to the most spontaneous public figure of our time. Not Tennyson's pomp and circumstance, but Auden's sad lines, memorably quoted in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, strike the right note:

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone.
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with *muffled* drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

TURMOIL IN ASIA

Sensible policies in China and Japan should stop the rot

The turmoil in Asian currencies set off by the devaluation of the Thai baht started as a small financial earthquake in a country of which most people knew little. In the past few weeks, however, the panic in Thailand has spread to every one of its southeast Asian neighbours, as the currencies and stockmarkets of Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines and even Singapore and Hong Kong have fallen like dominoes. Could this regional panic turn into a serious threat to the global economy?

In the past few months stockmarkets around the world have been looking overdue for a correction. The turmoil in Asia could act as the catalyst. While advanced economies can usually take stockmarket crises and devaluations in their stride — witness the Wall Street crash in 1987 or the devaluation of the pound on Black Wednesday — the present crises in Asia are likely to have much graver effects on the local economies. As in Japan in the late 1980s and in Mexico earlier this decade, many Asian businesses, as well as governments, had embarked on extravagant and uneconomic investment projects and financed them with imprudent short-term borrowing in foriign currencies. Insolvencies are now inevitable and will hit investment, jobs and growth, *just as they did in Japan and Mexico.*

The inevitable squeeze on investment and consumer spending in Asia will be painfully felt by exporters and bankers in the rest of the world. *But the scale of this threat must be seen in proportion.* Although southeast Asia is a populous and rapidly growing region, its biggest countries, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, are still so poor and backward that they account for a very modest share of world output and trade — *less, even in aggregate, than such individual* Western countries as Britain or France.

The most serious global threat from the Asian crisis arises from the possibility that it might eventually engulf Japan or China. Whether this threat materialises depends *not on events in Thailand or Malaysia,* but on the actions of China and Japan themselves. If the Chinese authorities were foolish enough to follow the Malaysian and example and react with financial controls, backed up by xenophobic rhetoric, *to what* could be an inevitable correction in the overheated Hong Kong stockmarket, the result could certainly be a serious problem for world finance — and an outright disaster *for both Hong Kong and China. If, on the* other hand, the authorities reacted rationally and calmly, they could even turn this crisis to their advantage.

The Chinese Government could show its genuine commitment to a capitalist economy by allowing Hong Kong's financial markets to operate freely, taking any fall in equity prices on the chin. Japan could respond to the problems in Asia by temporarily *reversing the excessive tax increases* which have done far more damage to its economy than the problems in southeast Asia. Such sensible policies from Asia's leading Governments would go a long way to restoring confidence throughout the region. It could ensure that the southeast Asian troubles remained a case of "small earthquake in Thailand, not many killed".

OPEN ALL HOURS

Clinton's White House has broken all fundraising norms

Americans, it can safely be said, have not been absorbed by the various congressional investigations into campaign finance irregularities in the 1996 elections. In fact, public interest has been minimal. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee has operated in front of a largely invisible audience. The usually vigilant domestic press has *not,* on the whole, ignited enthusiasm in the subject either.

This is in part the responsibility of the politicians themselves. When the hearings opened the committee chairman, Senator Fred Thompson, promised to *expose* a Chinese government plan to move money into American politics. Had the Senate succeeded in outlining such a scheme then even a cynical public might have been captivated. No such plot has been exposed.

In fairness, the Senate has faced considerable handicaps. Most of the *cast of characters* — a motley mixture of Arkansas and Asia — have either left the country or exercised the constitutional right to silence. That reticence has frustrated Congress. One such figure, Johnny Chung, will not speak to the Senate but has no apparent qualms in discussing his role on American television. The Clinton White House, he had *learned,* was like the subway network: *coins* had to be placed in *slots* for the system to function. That brazen assessment stunned even partisan supporters of the President.

It also reflects on the real significance of what has been revealed so far. The malign influence of overseas interests remains *mere conjecture,* but it is clear that from the Republican victory in the 1994 Congressional elections onwards, Mr Clinton, his campaign and the Democratic National Committee shamelessly exploited the White House for all it was worth.

The latest reports of the exploding cost of entertainment there, much of which was for political ends, simply fits this pattern. The President, who came to office promising new and higher standards of ethics and criticising the "*corruption*" of the Reagan-Bush years, has certainly set new standards but hardly higher ones. Views from Air Force One and visits to the Lincoln bedroom of the White House were all available to those willing to donate their dollars. Mr Clinton did not run a cheap subway system.

Nor has the President appeared especially apologetic. Instead he has blamed "the system" and claimed that his campaign did little that others had not done previously. He is wrong on both counts. Other presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George Bush, lived under the same system without offering the appearance that the Oval Office was for hire. In its staggering unconcern with the background and motive of its contributors, the Clinton White House has broken all established fundraising norms. This is likely to become more obvious as Congress resumes its work this *month.* These facts may not seem as sensational as a conspiracy by China to acquire influence in Washington. But they deserve a profile much higher than they have at present.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Harassment and use of privacy law

From Mr Alasdair G. T. Pepper

Sir, French privacy laws, said to be among the strongest in the world (report, September 1) did not help Diana, Princess of Wales. Tough in principle *the French laws may be,* but regrettably the French courts have not operated them to deter the paparazzi.

The pictures of the topless Duchess of York with John Bryan were taken without their consent while they were on private property by a prying photographer, who then sold them for *many hundreds of thousands* of pounds to a worldwide market.

The Duchess of York sued for *infringement of her privacy.* As part of the claim the court was invited to order the photographer and his agency to hand over all proceeds from the *sale of the photographs, following the* principle that no one should be allowed to profit from an unlawful act. However, the French court declined to make an award on this basis and instead awarded simply compensatory damages in the region of £60,000 (limited to the compensation for the infringement in France only).

The message was clear, and perhaps encouraged the paparazzi, rather than deterred their harassment of public figures for valuable photographs.

In this country we are long overdue a privacy law and, if it is to provide real protection to those in the public eye from those at the gutter end of the press, *it must* have real teeth to enable the courts to ensure that those who take intrusive photographs, or publish them without a genuine public interest in doing so, know that infringement of privacy, like crime, does not pay.

Yours faithfully,
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September 1.

From Dr William Kingston

Sir, Comment after the recent tragic crash in Paris seems to assume that if *the paparazzi cannot be disciplined* even by France's strict laws, nothing can be done. This is not so.

The high prices for photographs *and stories* are obtainable only because of the exclusive privileges granted to sellers and the media by copyright law. It is not just absurd, *but obscene,* that the photograph of the dying Princess in the wrecked car which is reputedly being touted to editors should be protected *under this* law as an "artistic work".

Patents cannot be granted for any invention that is "against public policy". Copyright privilege *could* similarly be denied to anything which results from any invasion of privacy.

This would require international *agreement to be effective,* but the Berne Convention exists for that very purpose. Article 2(8) already excludes "news of the day" from copyright protection. An appropriate brief addition to this article could quickly bring about widespread changes in the statutes of the few countries which really count as far as these markets are concerned.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Walter S. Greenwood

Sir, Amid the public anguish at Princess Diana's death and the fury at what may have helped to cause *it, it is* understandable that there will be calls for a specific law of privacy to be introduced in Britain. Questions will also be *raised about how the media* could then still be allowed to disclose matters of genuine public concern.

As for the conduct said to have occurred in Paris, Britain already has the Protection from Harassment Act, which became law only this year. This makes it a criminal offence to pursue a course of conduct on at least two occasions which causes harassment if a *reasonable person would so think.* Harassment includes causing alarm or distress, and civil actions for damages may also be pursued.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Timothy
Lawson-Cruttenden

Sir, The civil provisions of the Protection from Harassment Act, which received the Royal Assent on March 21, have not yet been fully implemented. They make it a civil offence to harass, against which an injunction can be obtained.

Diana, Princess of Wales, arguably died after press harassment in a civil sense. Is it not now time for the Government to bring the Act fully into force?

Yours etc,
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Fitting memorials as tribute to the life of a Princess

From Mr Stephen Bungay

Sir, Still in some shock at the news *which opened the day, one braces* oneself for the week to come.

The saturation coverage will continue. Last evening at 6pm the same *things* were being said on television and radio as had been said at 9am. It is ritual. It is how the media mourn. Perhaps repetition is therapeutic.

Diana, Princess of Wales, was a product of the media. The media turned her into an icon of such power that she could initiate international progress *on landmines* where *many* others had failed because they lacked her power. Inasmuch as she was a power for good she owed that power to the celebrity the media gave her.

However, the media could have conferred that power on her without *telephoto lenses, hidden cameras,* sneaks in hideouts and high-speed chases. In using these methods they turned *her life into a misery. The* actions of *those* who hounded her may have been legal but they were wrong.

The problem is that the unprincipled *people concerned seem not to* care what harm they did her, or believe that there were any constraints on their actions other than those imposed by law. Following their logic, should we fill the gap left by morality with legality and try to legislate *for decency?*

The real answer is for people not to persecute the innocent and for the *press to shun anyone who does, not* because it is illegal but because it causes unjustifiable misery.

Yours sincerely,
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September 1.

From Mr Quentin Goggs

Sir, All of us are devastated by Princess *Diana's death.* What a waste *that* such a young life that had so much to contribute to all our wellbeing should have been cut short. Why can God do that to us?

My wife and I asked exactly those questions when we lost our son, Tim, in 1992 in Afghanistan, when he was clearing mines for the same HALO Trust that we saw Diana visiting in Angola.

Tim's own response came in his will when we opened it. He left his student house in Newcastle, bought on a 95 *per cent mortgage* paid off by the insurance after his death, to Christian Aid to start a *project* in Afghanistan *for rehabilitating the victims of* landmines. We, his parents, have built on that since his death, and last year went out to Herat to see the Christian Aid projects on the ground.

We believe that the nation should do the same for Diana. Her interests were *helping disadvantaged* young people and the victims of landmines and Aids.

What better memorial, as Mr Don Leeser's letter today suggests, than a Princess Diana Fund to continue her marvellous work by supporting existing *charities* which work *in these* fields?

Yours etc,
QUENTIN GOGGS,
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September 1.

From Group Captain P. F. Rogers,
RAF (retd)

Sir, Yesterday's tragic event brings to mind the grief suffered by the Belgian nation when their Queen, the former Princess Astrid of Sweden, died in a car crash on August 29, 1935. The Belgians then issued a series of black-bordered *mourning* stamps portraying Queen Astrid. They remain among the most beautiful postage *stamps ever issued.*

A surcharge was applied to their face value, with the proceeds going to charity. Would it not be a fitting tribute to Princess Diana, and an appropriate way for the nation to show its appreciation for her life and works, *for the Post Office to do the same,* donating the proceeds to the charities she served so devotedly?

Yours sincerely,
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Throwing light on MI5 activities

From Mr Bruce Kent

Sir, Mr David Winnick, MP (letter, August 28), raises the important point that the intelligence and security committee reports *not to Parliament but to* the Prime Minister.

There is a now standard response to exposés of *dubious* MI5 activity. It is usually admitted that at certain times in the past some officers did get a bit out of control and acted off their own bat.

There follow demands for proper *governmental* control over the security services. By implication all will *then be well. This is a dangerously* inadequate prescription.

When in 1983 CND members had their phones tapped, this was not the action of *some rogue* section of MI5 pursuing its paranoid political fantasies. It was the direct result of government policy and part of a counter-CND propaganda offensive. Selective, often inaccurate, MI5-derived information was used for party political *purposes.*

This was not the first instance, nor is it likely to be the last, of government misuse of the security services. Prudence *suggests* that not just scrutiny but control is vested in Parliament as a whole rather than Government.

Yours faithfully,
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August 29.

From Mr Chapman Pincher

Sir, In his letter David Winnick, the Labour MP, recycled the myth that in the 1970s some MI5 officers were "*totally out of control*", being "motivated by political spite and malice against a Labour Government". This myth originated *with a claim by the* disaffected officer, Peter Wright, that about thirty MI5 officers were involved in a plot to undermine Harold Wilson and his Government.

What Mr Winnick may not know is that after the international sales success *of his* book *Spycatcher*, Wright admitted on a *Panorama* programme, in 1988, that the allegation was untrue and that it had been inserted in the book to increase sales. Under questioning on *Panorama*, Wright reduced the number of MI5 *officers* who had been strongly anti-Labour to "about eight" of whom only two — one of them being Wright himself — *would* ever *have* taken any action had the opportunity arisen. In fact, nobody took any action.

Previously, in 1980, when interview*ing Wright while researching my* book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, I had asked him about the supposed plot — of which I had heard reports — and he denied any knowledge of it.

Yours faithfully,
CHAPMAN PINCHER,
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August 28.

From Mr Peter Noorlander

Sir, Regarding the debate on MI5 (reports, August 28 and 29) I suggest *that certain aspects of the Canadian* system be considered.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Review Committee is mandated to re*view the security services'* activities to ensure that they "do not involve an unreasonable or unnecessary exercise of its powers". Unlike its UK parliamentary counterpart, the Canadian committee can therefore review individual operations and has full access to all relevant *security-service* documents.

This enables the Canadian system to balance a constitutionally protected right to privacy against law enforcement requirements, something which the UK Government should be working towards.

Yours sincerely,
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From Professor Emeritus Peter Harris

Sir, Some of those writing to you who condemn and belittle *MI5* and *MI6* should also consider the painful dangers and sacrifices endured by the officers of our security services.

Their failings are well publicised: the successes are not. In espionage work it has well been said that there is *nothing for the winner and disaster* for the loser.

Yours etc,
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August 28.

Tills apart

From Mr Colin Croskin

Sir, Although the Scots may not like it, there is an *essential difference* between English banknotes and Scottish ones (letters, August 26, 28). The Bank of England is the central bank of the whole United Kingdom. Its notes should therefore be available at all UK banks.

The Scottish banks are commercial banks — no different from other commercial banks — and some of them issue Scottish banknotes with the permission of the Bank of England. Although the value of these notes is the same as the corresponding English notes they have a different status.

When I was a boy in the 1940s English high-street banks, as always ready to make a penny out of doing *nothing,* used to charge commission of sixpence to change a Scottish £1 note.

No doubt when devolution comes *about they will seize the opportunity* to do that again.

Yours sincerely
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From Professor Hector L. MacQueen

Sir, I suspect that the reason why Mr P. M. Barman's mother-in-law from Renfrewshire takes English currency with her when she travels south of the border (letter, August 26) *is not just* because she likes to do so as a personal whim, but because it can be almost impossible to persuade shopkeepers and other service providers in England that Scottish notes are money, even though they are not legal *tender, and that Scottish banks* honour their legally enforceable promises to pay.

The divisions in the *United* Kingdom are not solely the responsibility of the Scots.

Yours faithfully,
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From Ms Rachel Lyle

Sir, Frequently my family and I have found ourselves at foreign currency desks in English banks as they, along with many establishments, do not recognise Northern Irish currency as legal *tender.*

This practice of non-recognition is annoying, time-consuming and at times can get *downright nasty.*

However, I suppose that we should be thankful that the banks do not charge commission for replacing our *notes with* "legal" English ones.

Yours faithfully,
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Fate of the Battersbys

From Mr A. G. Newton

Sir, It was interesting to read ("Mean Street revisited", Media, August 27) that the producer of *Coronation Street* has no intention of writing out the Battersby family, even though a recent poll showed *that 97 per cent of* viewers said they should go.

Such arrogance makes most strikingly the point that complaining to the media *is a total waste of time.* They are just as guilty as the Government in a patronising attitude of "we know best".

If the producer *of Coronation Street* is so concerned with "rough, tough realism" perhaps he should listen to real people.

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Sporting psalm

From Mrs Patrick Bowring

Sir, Surely the "chase" in which the hart pants in Tate and Brady's hymn (letters, July 25, August 1, 11, 15, 26) is life; and as the animal *needs* water for *its existence,* so we all *need* God for our spiritual never-ending life.

Yours faithfully,
MARY BOWRING,
Rose Court, Sulhamstead, Berkshire.
August 26.

In-cell television

From the General Secretary of the
Prison Governors Association

Sir, Ann Widdecombe (letter, August 26) now appears to be concerned over whether taxpayers' money should fund the expansion of access by pris*oners to in-cell television.*

May I point out that a Conservative-led home affairs committee recommended *last March that the question* of expanding in-cell television (as proposed by Sir John Learmont in his 1995 report on prison security) should be further explored.

As a hard-won privilege, more in-cell television will be a powerful incentive to behave for a population that will be spending more time locked up. The *current* intention is to recover from prisoners as much as possible of any expenditure, and the potential savings from improved behaviour are *enormous.*

Yours faithfully,
DAVID RODDAN,
General Secretary,
Prison Governors Association,
Room 409, Horseferry House,
Dean Ryle Street, SW1.
August 26.

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Metric rain

From Mr Michael Hubble

Sir, May I ask the Meteorological Office now to give *rainfall figures in* litres per square metre (and not in inches or millimetres)?

This is the custom in other countries using the metric system, such as Spain, and is a *much* better way of reporting how much rain has actually fallen.

I have always thought that measuring rainfall in height is as daft as going into a pub and asking for six inches of beer.

Yours faithfully,
M. D. S. HUBBLE,
Advanced Performance Training SL,
Almagro 15,
28010 Madrid.
August 30.

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagement

The Princess Royal, as a Member of the International Olympic Committee, will attend the 106th session of the International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, Switzerland, until September 6.

Service of Thanksgiving

Ms Tamara Nuttall
The service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mrs Lorenzo Cardi will take place at St James's Church, Piccadilly, W1, on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at 3pm.

Caroline Lady Nuttall wishes to extend her deeply thankful gratitude, on behalf of all of her family wherever, for the many kind messages of sympathetic condolence they have received on the death of her only daughter Tamara, Mrs Lorenzo Cardi.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for September was won with bond number 63FN 978643. The winner lives in Surrey, and has a bond holding of £20,000.

Birthdays today

Sir Leonard Appleyard, diplomat, 59; Kina Lady Avebury, sociologist, 63; Baroness Brigstocke, 68; Mr Antoni Burakowski, fashion designer, 35; Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 79; Professor Dame Barbara Clayton, pathologist, 75; Mr Jimmy Connors, tennis player, 45; Mr Russ Conway, pianist and composer, 72; Professor David Daiches, Emeritus Professor of English, Sussex University, 85; Sir Oliver Forster, former diplomat, 72.

Sir Marrack Goulding, former diplomat, 61; Sir Edward Goschen, former deputy chairman, Stock Exchange Council, 84; Mr Michael Hastings, playwright, 59; Mr Leslie Hill, former chairman, Central Broadcasting, 61; Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, 86; Mr Norman Lessels, chairman, Standard Life Assurance, 59; Mr P.B. ("Laddie") Lucas, former fighter pilot, MP, and golfer, 82; Sir Patrick Moberly, diplomat, 69; Sir Patrick Sheehy, former chairman, BAT Industries, 67; Mr Victor Spinetti, actor, 64; Mr Robert Lockley Turner, senior master, Queen's Bench Division, 62; General Sir John Waters, 62; the Right Rev David Young, Bishop of Ripon, 66.

Appointments

Mr John Leslie Clark to be a District Judge on the Northern Circuit. Mr Simon Roger Mitchell to be a District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit and Mr Trevor Frank Ridgeway to be a District Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit, all from September 1.

Retirement

Judge Malcolm Potter retired last week from the Circuit Bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.L. Bicknell
and Miss V.E.K. Schroter
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bicknell, of Horsell, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Professor and Mrs Robert Schroter, of Barnes, London.

Mr C.E. Cook
and Miss E.J. Jennings
The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Cook, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Jennings, of West Lavington, Wiltshire.

Mr E.A. Dewhurst
and Miss C.D. Holifield
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Dr and Mrs John Dewhurst, of Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holifield, of Truro, Cornwall.

Mr J. Hart
and Miss L. Sawyer
The engagement is announced between Jamie, second son of Mr and Mrs K. Hart, of Stetchworth, Cambridgeshire, and Lucy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Sawyer, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr K.W. Morris
and Miss E. Bristow
The engagement is announced between Karl William, only son of Captain Gordon Scott-Morris and Mrs Freda Morris, of Gidea Park, Essex, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Bristow, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.A.F. Panton
and Miss C. Sabine
The engagement is announced between Charlie, son of the late Mrs Gianetta Carr, stepson of the late Major Anthony Carr, of Wiltshire, and son of the late Colonel Mike Panton, and Christa, daughter of Mrs Terence Phillips and stepdaughter of Mr Terence Phillips, of Twickenham.

Mr R. Quigley
and Miss C.E. Glazebrook-Sack
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Quigley, of Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Glazebrook-Sack, of Fulbeck, Lincolnshire.

Mr M.J. Reay
and Miss S.L. Hobbs
The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Major and Mrs Denis Reay, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Hobbs, of Upper Tooting, London.

Mr J.F. Thornycroft
and Miss N.M. Boutcher
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Mr Timothy Thornycroft and of Mrs Timothy Thornycroft, of Bishop's Sutton, Hampshire, and Nicola, daughter of Major Christopher Boutcher, of Oxford, and the late Mrs Christopher Boutcher.

Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr Robert Croall; Senior Warden: Admiral Sir Derek Reffell; Renter Warden: Mr Philip Ashfield; Junior Warden: the Hon Roy Constantine; Clerk: Group Captain Gerry Bunn.

Female firefly sends siren signals to her suitors

Hopeful males court disaster in a flash

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

NOT all female fireflies who light up the night sky have romance on their minds, scientists have found.

Some are the insect of equivalent of the Greek Sirens, luring unsuspecting males close enough so that they can eat them for breakfast.

The findings have come from a team at Cornell University who believe that they have also discovered why females from one family of fireflies need to eat the males of another.

The males of the *Photinus* family contain chemicals in their blood which the females of the *Photuris* family need to repel predators like spiders and birds.

The chemicals, which are secreted onto the skin, may even repel ants and bats, the researchers believe.

The anti-predator compound resembles those produced in the venon of poisonous Chinese toads. So the scientists have named it lucibufagin from the Latin for light and toad.

Thomas Eisner, Cornell's Schurman Professor of Chemical Ecology, who is the team's leader, said: "To many of us, there's something intriguing and even romantic about fireflies. Certainly some — but not all — of those fireflies have romance on their minds.

"Generally, courting males are the fancy flashers, and they signal with their light organs in characteristic, species-specific patterns of flashes. They watch for females to respond to their pattern with single flashes."

When the male detects the characteristic delay-and-flash of his species, he heads for the source.

However, what is waiting in the dark for the male *Photinus* firefly is not always a female *Photinus* but one of the *Photuris* who has learnt to respond to the flashing sequence.

The findings are published in the journal the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Deadlier to the male — the female firefly makes a meal of her would-be lovers

Marriage

Mr A.R. Gunning
and Señorita J. Vital
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 19, 1997, at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Julian Road, Bath, of Mr Alexander Gunning, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gunning, of Bath, to Señorita Jerusalen Vital, daughter of Señor and Señora Vital-Mendioroz, of Artajona, Navarra, Spain. Father Tom Gunning officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nuria Velasco, Thomas Hansell and Daisy Hansell. Mr James Fryer-Spedding was best man.

A reception was held at the Roman Baths and Pump Room and the honeymoon was spent in Fiji.

University news

Sussex
Brian Roberts, Professor of Engineering, to be Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University with effect from from August 1.

Nature notes

BIRD song is returning to gardens: great tits sing out their loud "teacher, teacher" notes from deep in the foliage, and where there are cypresses or yews, coal tits may be heard with their quicker, more liquid version of the great tit's song. Goldcrests have also resumed their whispering song in the conifers.

Skylarks on migration south can be heard flying overhead making their skirling notes. Swallows are gathering on telephone wires and barn roofs before heading off south; pairs that still have young in a nest on a rafter will follow in October. Uncommon migrants that have been recorded here and there are wrynecks, which are small brown woodpeckers, and grey phalaropes, very tame waders that have nested in the Arctic tundra.

Gypsywort is in flower on riversides: it has circlets of white blossoms all the way up the stem. It often grows near orange balsam, which has spurred orange and yellow flowers, and seeds that explode out of their elastic pods. Leaves on most trees are still quite green; in drier years, there are usually many yellow patches on birches, limes and horse-chestnuts by now. Late broods of speckled wood butterflies are still emerging: the lemony splashes on their wings look like dappled sunlight.

DJM

The swallow

Latest wills

Martin Adolf **Sobernheim**, of London W1, left estate valued at £5,023,436 net.

Enid Halliburton **Hadley**, of Lincoln, left estate valued at £1,041,195 net.

Nancy Wolfenden **Holt**, Denton, Grantham, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,041,026 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Howard, pioneer of prison reform, London, 1726; Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland 1806-10, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1778; Frederick Soddy, chemist and physicist, Eastbourne, 1877; Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, diplomat and writer, Anstruther, Fife, 1887.

DEATHS: Jusepe de Ribera ("Lo Spagnoletto"), Spanish painter, Naples, 1652; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and canal builder, London, 1834; Henri Rousseau, painter, Paris, 1910; J.R.R. Tolkien, philologist and author of The Lord of the Rings, Bournemouth, 1973; Wladyslaw Gomulka, Polish Communist leader 1956-70, Warsaw, 1982; Piotr Jaroszewicz, Prime Minister of Poland 1970-80, Warsaw, 1992.

The Great Fire of London began, lasting until September 6, 1666.

The German SS destroyed the Warsaw Ghetto, killing 50,000 Jews, 1942.

The Second World War ended when General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, accepted the Japanese surrender onboard the battleship, USS Missouri, 1945.

School news

Benenden School
Term starts today at Benenden School. Sixth Form Scholarship and Entry Examinations for September 1998 will take place on November 12 and 13. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on September 13 and 27, November 1 and 22. The Founders' Lecture "Feminism Behind The Veil" will be given by Dr Mai Yamani on September 7.

The John Lyon School, Harrow
Term begins today and finishes on December 12. The new Design and Technology Centre comes into use. The Charity Concert in which Harrow School and John Lyon musicians participate will be on Saturday, October 4, in Speech Room. The major school drama production *The Little Shop of Horrors* will be performed from November 26 to 29 and the Carol Service is on Thursday, December 11, in St Mary's Church. Open Morning, to which all interested parents and prospective entrants are invited, is on Saturday, October 18, 9.30am - noon.

King's School, Rochester
Michaelmas Term at King's School, Rochester, begins today. J.D. Drury will be Head of School. O.V. Chkalova and R.J. Slater will be Vice Heads of School. Mr Keith Latham joins us as Head of Mathematics and Assistant Housemaster. Mr Fred Barr and Miss Mary Boyd join us to teach Mathematics. Commemoration Day is on Saturday, September 6, and the service in the Cathedral is at 11.00am.

Kingston Grammar School
Term begins today with the new School Captain, Oliver Thomson, and Vice Captains, Katherine Knowles and Thomas Files. Seven new members of staff join the school this term together with Mrs Brenda Boyd as the school's first Development Director. A new History Department building was completed during the summer holiday and is now in use. An Open Evening for prospective pupils and parents will be held on Wednesday, October 8, from 6.30pm. There will be a special A Level Forum for 6th Form Students at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 15, and a special Preparatory Form Open Afternoon at 2.00pm on Thursday, November 6. The Old Kingstonian Annual Dinner will take place on Friday, October 31, at St Mary's College, Twickenham, and Prizegiving is on Friday, November 14, at 8.00pm in the Parish Church of All Saints. The production of *Oliver!* will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 4, 5 and 6, and the Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place in St Andrew's Church, Surbiton at 8.00pm on Thursday, December 11. Term ends on Friday, December 12.

Latymer Upper School, W6
The Autumn Term commenced today at Latymer Upper School and ends on December 11. Nicholas Styring is School Captain and Captain of Rugby. Natalie Abrahami and Freddie Hobson are School Vice Captains. Alex Powell is Captain of Boats, and Harry Horsley Captain of Soccer. Prize Giving will be held on September 23. The Autumn Concert is on November 13 with the Latymer and Godolphin Joint Orchestral Concert on November 19. The School Play from December 4-6 is *Fiddler on the Roof*. The Annual Dinner of the Old Latymerian Association is held at school on November 28. The Carol Service and Charity Dinner is on December 9. Details on Admissions procedures are available from the Registrar on 0181 741 1851. The School has charitable status and provides high quality education.

Monkton Combe School
The Michaelmas Term at Monkton Combe School begins today. Prizegiving is on October 18; the prizes will be presented by Professor M.R.B. Keighley, MS, FRCS. The Knight Lecture on November 11 will be given by Professor J.J. Scarisbrick. The Advent Carol Service in Bath Abbey is on December 10. In 1996-97 the Pearce Centre for the Sixth Form was opened and a new Sports Hall is now under construction.

Nonsuch High School, Cheam
Autumn term begins on Wednesday, September 3. There will be 360 girls in the Sixth Form. Anne Bracher is Head Girl and Anna Bainbridge is Captain of School. Sophie Brewer and Emily Fahey are Deputy Head Girls. Main School Speech Day is Tuesday, November 11, when the guest speaker will be Elaine Storkey. Tests for entry in September 1998 at age 11 will take place on Saturday, November 15. The Sixth Form Leavers' Evening is Wednesday, December 17. Term ends on Friday, December 19. The Old Girls' Association meets on Saturday, May 16, 1998, for its 60th Jubilee Celebrations: this term's meeting is on Thursday, September 25.

Church news

The Rev Eugeniah Adoyo, NSM, Hatcham St James (Southwark): to be Assistant Curate, Southwark Christ Church, and Industrial Chaplain for the South London Mission (same diocese).

The Rev Owen Beament, Vicar, Hatcham Park All Saints (Southwark): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral (same diocese).

The Rev David Bird, Rector, Thrapston, and Rural Dean of Higham (Peterborough): to be Vicar, Northampton St Giles (same diocese).

Retirements and resignations
The Rev Gordon Law, Vicar, St John the Divine Romford (Chelmsford) to retire October 31.

The Rev Kenneth Newcombe, Rector, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Shelford w Holme Pierrepont and Adbolton (Southwell) retired July 31.

The Rev David Small, Rector, Wickwar w Rangeworthy, and Rural Dean of Hawkesbury (Gloucester) to retire October 31.

The Rev Lester Yeo, Team Rector, Thorverton, Cadbury, Upton Pyne, Brampford Speke and Newton St Cyres (Exeter) to resign August 31.

Other appointments
Captain Clive Deverell, CA, to be Resource Minister, Pitsea w Nevendon (Chelmsford).

Mr James Hall, Deputy Registrar (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich), to be Diocesan Registrar and Bishop's Legal Secretary (same diocese).

Patricia Nappin, Reader, Barking Team Ministry (Chelmsford), to be Honorary Deputy Secretary, Central Readers' Council.

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Because I acted in the ignorance of unbelief I was dealt with mercifully; the grace of our Lord was lavished upon me, along with the faith and love which are ours in Jesus.
1 Timothy 1 : 13,14

BIRTHS

ADAMS - On August 19th, to Kate (*née* Perryman) and Michael, a daughter, Imogen Frances, a sister for Felix.

BOLTON - On August 17th at The Lister Hospital, Herts, to Nicola (*née* Harris) and Nigel, a son, Angus Henry Charles, a brother for Abigail.

BORTON - On August 24th 1997 in Hannover, Germany, to Amanda (*née* Laurie) and Nicholas, a daughter, Olivia.

DE PASS - On August 28th 1997, to Fiona and Mark of Easton Royal, a daughter, Lorna Rosemary Anne, a sister for James and Poppy.

DURRANT - On August 31st, to Richard and Susan, a son, Bramwell Richard, a brother for Lucy, Timothy, Jeremy and Robyn.

EATON - On August 30th, to Catherine (*née* Robins) and Neil, a son, Henry David Alexander, a brother for Charlotte.

FLUTE - On August 23rd in Hannover, to Rebecca (*née* Smith) and Edward, a son, Joseph Peter Simon.

FRAYLING - On August 22nd, to Ann (*née* Ager) and Ian, a daughter, Eve Marie. With special thanks to all concerned at *The Royal Free Hospital*, Hampstead.

GASPARRO - On August 27th at St Thomas' Hospital, to Sarah and David, a lovely daughter, Isabella Rachel.

GIOLLI - On August 29th in Reims, France, to Catherine (*née* Lyko) and Stephane, a daughter, Justine Maeva.

HOLLIS - On August 28th, to Lucy (*née* Stewart-Roberts) and Christopher, a son, Sam Alexander Malory.

LODER - On 27th August, to Anna (*née* Green) and Sandy, a son, Robert Hamish.

McKELVEY - On August 15th, to Juliet (*née* Seymour) and Robin, a son, Harry Thomas Muir, a brother for Charlie.

NEVE - On September 1st 1997, to Katharine (*née* Branscombe) and Nicholas, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth May.

NICHOLAS - On August 27th, to Sarah (*née* Burton) and Giles, a daughter, Natasha Kate, a sister for Emily.

RANN - To Tony and Eloise, on 31st August 1997, a son, Benjamin Anthony. Best wishes, from all the family. Deo Gratias.

RUSSELL - On August 29th at the Rosie, to Hilary (*née* Chaplin) and William, a son, Alistair David Lewis, a brother for Edward and Nicholas.

BIRTHS

TILLEY - On August 23rd, to Lisa and Richard, a daughter, Tamsin Violet, a sister for Isobel.

TUCKER - On August 29th, to Debs (*née* Hearth) and James, a son, Frederick William Thomas.

WILSON - On August 28th at Perth Royal Infirmary, to Johanna (*née* Cameron) and Colin, a son, Robert Charles, a brother for Sam and Marcus.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

WHITEHALL:BROWN - Paul and Léonie on 2.9.72 at All Saints' Church, Gosforth. *Congratulations from* Richard, Paula and Rory.

DEATHS

BALL - Brian James, aged 67, peacefully and with so much courage. So dearly loved husband of Barbara and such a special father and Grandpa. Family funeral 8th September. Thanksgiving service 2 pm, 9th October at St Mary's Church, Tetbury, all are welcome. Only family flowers. Donations in Brian's memory to Chiltern Cheshire Home, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8JT.

BOTTOMLEY - Derek John MBE, Lt. Col. The Green Howards (retd), darling husband and best friend of Margaret (Peggy) and dearest father of Nicholas, died at home on August 28th after a brave fight against cancer. Thanksgiving Service at the *Parish Church of St Mary the* Virgin, Richmond, N. Yorks., on Friday September 5th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign, 39 East Parade, Harrogate, N. Yorks, HG1 5LQ.

BRUTON - Herbert Henry (Peter), Brigadier, OBE, died on August 29th, aged 87. Dear husband of Margaret, father and grandfather to loving family. Funeral private. No flowers please.

BUTTERWORTH - Kathleen Mary (Kay), formerly of Corsham, Wiltshire, on 28th August, 1997 at Pinewood Manor, Crowborough in her 85th year. Widow of Alan Butterworth of the British Council, and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, 3rd September at 4 pm. Flowers, or donations for the Glencoe Mountain Rescue Association c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (01892) 655000.

DEATHS

DEFRATES - On 28th August, 1997, peacefully at Fairacres Nursing Home, Claude Edward, aged 91 years, formerly of Chipping Warden and Temple, near Marlow, Bucks. Funeral Service in the St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium on Friday, 5th September at 1pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to the R.N.L.I. and Arthritis Research. All enquiries and donations to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG. Tel: *(01295) 265424.*

DENNIS - Leonard Alwyn Thomas M.W., M.B.E., T.D. Died peacefully August 30th. Funeral Service 2 pm Thursday September 11th at St Mary's Church, Frinton-on-Sea, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Essex Voluntary Association for the Blind c/o P.G. Oxley Ltd., 47 High Street, Walton-on-the-Naze.

DUNHAM - Peter Browning F.R.I.B.A. aged 85, much loved father of Joanna and Simon, peacefully on 29th August. Cremation at Ipswich Crematorium September 5th at 2.30 pm. Memorial Service at St John's, Coltishall, Norfolk, September 9th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich IP3 8LX or Macmillan Nurses.

EDWARDS - Betsey Helena. On *August 31st 1997.* Peacefully, in Dartford. Funeral service 2.15pm on Friday 5th September at St. John's Church, Sidcup, followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium. No flowers, but any donations to The Alzheimers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, SW1P 1PH.

FERGUS - On August 28th 1997 Jean Elizabeth aged 95, peacefully in her sleep at *Moorhouse Nursing Home*, Hindhead, widow of Andrew and loving mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Grayshott on Friday 5th September at 12.30 pm.

FRIZELLE - Ernest Reginald DSc MCh FRCS, of Stoneygate, Leicester, Surgeon Emeritus, Leicester Royal Infirmary, respected and much loved father of Mary and David, grandfather of Fiona, died peacefully on 29th August 1997, aged 96. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Regent Road, Leicester, on Saturday 6th September 1997 at 11 am. Family flowers only please. If desired donations made payable to Marie Curie Cancer Care, may be sent to A.C. James & Son, Funeral Directors, 30 St Stephens Road, Leicester, LE2 1DQ, tel: 0116 2542900.

GARRETT - On 29th August, aged 84, Anna, loved and loving wife of the late Roderick, mother of Xenia, Andrew and Sebastian, grandmother of Benjamin, Sophia, Thomas, Nicholas, Jonathan and Christopher, great-grandmother of Roderick. Funeral at 2 pm on 10th September at The Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, SW7.

GOLDSWORTHY - Peacefully on 31st August 1997 Frank Edward aged 84 years. Beloved companion of June, much loved brother and uncle who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Cremation will take place on Thursday 4th September 1997 at Kingston Crematorium, Bonnerhill Road at 12.20 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the RNLI c/o Fredk. W. Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, KT3 4ES. Tel: (0181) 942-1978.

HALDANE - Peacefully at Foswell on August 30th 1997, in her 92nd year, Jan (*née* Simpson Smith), beloved wife of the late Dr. Archie Haldane and mother of Jennifer and John. Funeral Service at Auchterarder Parish Church on Wednesday September 3rd at 11.15 am. *Cremation* private.

HUBBARD - John Cairns (Jack) on 29th August. Peacefully (having fought a good fight!) at Wingham Court, Esher. Aged 95. Dearly loved husband of Gertie until her death in 1967 and Anthea who died in March this year. Father of Anne, David, Trudi and Jonathan, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. *Funeral at Holy Trinity* Church, Claygate at 3.15 pm on Friday 5th September. Flowers (by 2.30 pm 5th September) or donations for Cherry Trees Home for Disabled Children to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ.

HUTT - Lt. Col. Roger Curzon MBE died peacefully Thursday 28th August. Memorial Service at Manorbier Church, Pembrokeshire, Monday 22nd September at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations to SSAFA c/o W & M J Rossiter & Sons, The Old Rectory, The Norton, Tenby, Pembrokeshire SO70 8AB.

JEGER - Jenny, suddenly but peacefully at her home in Brighton on August 29th, aged 45, after a brave struggle against cancer. Dearly loved partner of David. Funeral at Putney Vale on Friday 5th September at *4.30 pm.* Arrangements for flowers/donations, please contact Ashtons Funeral Service, 221 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15, (0181) 788-1790.

JOHNSON - Stephen Philip Lowthian, on August 29th 1997, suddenly but peacefully on the Isle of Skye. Loved husband of Brenda and father of Aylmer and Bill. A family funeral will be held at Oxnam Kirk, today September 2nd at 2.30pm, and a Service of Thanksgiving will be announced later.

LARGE - On August 31st 1997, Lt. Col. William Abbott Large OBE aged 85 years. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Friday September 5th at 11am. Enquiries to Chelsea Funeral Directors. Tel: 0171 352 0008.

LEDGERWOOD JONES - Muriel. Peacefully 28th August 1997 following dedicated care at Coombe House, Streatley on Thames. After a courageous fight borne with dignity and humour. Loved wife of the late Arthur Edward Jones. Loving mother of Flip and Sally. Wonderful grandmother to Hugh, Barnaby, Nick, Malou, Cindy, Edward. Funeral 5th September 2pm at St John the Baptist Church, Moulsford, Oxon. Thanksgiving Service in Lancashire to be announced later. Flowers. Donations if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o A.B. Walker & Sons Ltd, Eldon House, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

LOWTHER - Rachel of Wall Village, Northumberland, on August 29th. Dearly loved wife of Maurice. Service at St George's Church, Wall, on Friday September 5th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o E. Waltons, 11 North Terrace, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1NU.

MARTIN - Keith after a short illness on 31st August 1997 aged 74, late of Norwich. Dearly loved father of Jeremy and William. Funeral Service to be held at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Tuesday September 9th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

MASON - Phyllis on August 31st died peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Widow of Alex, dearest mother of Rosemary and Frances, much loved mother-in-law and granny. Funeral at St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Lingfield, on Monday 8th September at 11am followed by a private cremation. *Family flowers* only, but donations if desired to The Children's Society c/o Alex Jones Funeral Directors, 1 East Grinstead Road, Lingfield, Surrey.

MITCHELL - John. On September 1st peacefully in the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. Private cremation (family only) but donations in lieu of flowers to the hospice would be appreciated. All welcome to a celebration of John's life at 2.30pm on Wednesday 1st October at the Vera Fletcher Hall, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

O'BRIEN - Mary Clare Milward, on 28th August 1997, aged 66, at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and University Lecturer in Physics, only daughter of the late Clare and Esther O'Brien, sometime of Alvechurch and Reading, and sister of Ian, sister-in-law of Marion. Private cremation, followed by funeral service in the college chapel at Lady Margaret Hall on Friday 5th September at 3 p.m. No flowers, but donations to cancer charities would be welcome.

O'FARRELL - Donal. Retired Sub-Editor of The Times, passed away in France on 17th July 1997. Greatly loved and missed by his family and friends.

OGDEN - On August 31st peacefully at home in Harrogate, Denis, much loved husband of Bubbles, dear father of Glen and Jack and Papa to his nine grandchildren. Cremation private followed by a service at Follifoot Church on Thursday September 4th at 12 noon. Family *flowers* only. Collection in the church for The National Deaf Childrens Society.

PAO - Joseph Yee-Ching on 30th August aged 65, peacefully at home with his family. Much loved and devoted husband to Doris, father to Andrew, Caroline, David and grandfather to Joseph. Private Service at 1500 hours on Friday 5th September at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

PICKUP - Kenneth of Gee Cross, Hyde, former Solicitor and Clerk to the Justices, on 27th August 1997, suddenly but peacefully whilst walking on Werneth Low. Dearly loved husband of Mavis, father of James and Jonathan and grandfather of Oliver, Guy and Katherine. Funeral Service at 11 am on *Friday 5th September at St* Mark's Church, Dukinfield, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if desired to The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries Kenworthy's Funeral Service, tel: 0161-330 1521.

PUGH - Erica on 14th August 1997 at home. Widow of Gordon Pugh, formerly of Waldron in Sussex. The funeral has taken place.

RITCHIE - Irania (Irie). Peacefully at home, 30th August 1997. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral at Marlow Town Cemetery, Monday 8th September 11.30 am. Enquiries Surman & Horwood, (01844) 351323.

ROWLATT - Mary, formerly Tisdall *née* Lowndes. Died peacefully on August 31st 1997. Much loved wife of Geoff and will be sadly missed by daughters, Susan and Caroline and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Thame, Oxon. on Friday September 5th at 11.30am. Donations for RNIB or flowers to Surman & Horwood, The Green, Crowell, nr. Chinnor, OX9 4RR.

STONES - On August 30th 1997, in hospital, Sybil Stones, dear wife of the late Donald and loving mother of Nick and grandmother of Lucinda. Funeral Service and interment at St Peter's Church, Prestbury on Friday September 5th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Field Sport Society. Enquiries to J W Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd. Tel: 01625 829232.

SYMONS - Helen Elizabeth (*née* Sabin), peacefully at home in Wargrave, after a long illness borne with tremendous courage and spirit. Much loved wife of Peter Symons and mother of Tom (born 10.12.94) and Karis (born 2.5.97), who she never had time to know. Dearly loved daughter of Alan and Margaret Sabin and sister of Matt Sabin. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Wargrave Church on Friday 5th September at 2pm. Flowers or donations (to Royal Marsden NHS Trust) to Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 1AG. (Tel: 01491 - 573370).

TAIT - Edith Laura (*née* Browning) died peacefully amongst friends and family on Thursday August 28th 1997 aged 91 years, separated only by death from her devoted late husband John Sinclair (Jan) Tait. Mother of Stuart and John and loving grandmother of Laura, William, Iain, James, Gavin and Andrew. Service and cremation at 1 pm on Tuesday September 9th 1997 in the Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. *Family flowers only but* donations instead to Cancer Research Campaign c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire SL9 9EW.

THOMASON - James (actor) peacefully aged 86 at Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Cremation Putney Vale, 2.30pm Thursday 4th September.

WEBB - Kenneth Richard, formerly Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at University of Southampton, died 15th August 1997 in St Basil's Nursing Home, Hill Lane, Southampton.

WILLSON-PEMBERTON - On Monday 1st September, peacefully at home, at The Pebbles, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, Nannetta (Nan), darling wife of Bill, loving mother of Heleen and Robert and grandmother, sister and aunt. Funeral for family only at Exeter Crematorium at 11.30 am on Friday 5th September. Family flowers only, donations may be sent in memory of her life to Budleigh Salterton Health Centre Charity, c/o Charity Treasurer, Kersbrook Lodge, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 7AE. There will be a *service of thanksgiving at St* Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London EC2, at 11.30 am on Friday 17th October to which the family welcomes all her many friends.

WOLTERS - Peacefully, on 31st August 1997, aged 91, Joy (*née* Cunnold), beloved wife of the late Very Reverend Clifton Wolters, formerly Provost of Newcastle Cathedral. Dearly loved mother of John and mother-in-law of Heather and much loved granny of Clare. Requiem Mass on Friday 5th September at St Saviour with St Peter, Eastbourne, at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. R.I.P.

WYATT - On, 30th August, Margaret Wyatt (Peggy), widow of Brigadier Richard Wyatt and daughter of 1st Baron Ebbisham, peacefully at home. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving and funeral service Findon Parish Church Monday 8th September at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations if desired to The National Gardens Scheme Charitable Trust, Wildham, Stoughton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 9JG.

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NIK BIRCH REYNARDSON

Nik Birch Reynardson, former Oxford county councillor and president of the Henley Conservative Association since 1993, died on August 6 aged 74. She was born on June 15, 1923.

A TIRELESS figure dedicated to the service of the county in which she lived for nearly 38 years, Nik Birch Reynardson could at first sight have been mistaken for a conventional product of the British class system. But that would have been to do her a great deal less than justice. The brisk, courageous determination she brought to every aspect of living was originally reflected in the way as a child she tackled the challenge of tuberculosis.

The elder daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Humphreys, Nik Humphreys (as she was until her marriage) spent her early years in India, where her father was serving at the time. At the age of six, as result of a riding accident, she contracted tuberculosis and, having returned to England, spent the next seven years lying on her back encased in plaster from head to toe.

She was first sent to a TB sanatorium, where a governess gave her a good general educational grounding. But academic salvation came with her arrival at the home of two maiden aunts living in Kent (her parents were still in India). One of them had beds made up for both herself and her niece in the dining-room — and there she taught Nik an almost complete syllabus of subjects ranging from botany to history, languages to geography, music to mathematics.

So well did she do her job that at the age of 13 — though still on crutches — the young daughter of the Empire passed easily into St Mary's, Wantage, where she spent the next four years, even playing hockey on crutches in goal. Finally, however, she came to manage simply with the made-up shoe that she wore for the rest of her life in order to cope with a faulty hip-bone.

Fortune then once again took a turn with her future. One school holidays the local MP came to call at her aunts' home and — struck by her determination and ability — insisted that she should be sent to a crammers to learn Ancient Greek. This she duly did, going up to Oxford in 1942 with an exhibition from St Hugh's College, where she took a good second in Philosophy Politics and Economics. With the Second World War over, she then cast about for a job. It was typical of her lifelong concern for others that the one she chose should have been looking after Displaced Persons in Germany. After that came 12 months in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, serving on the staff of the Governor — where the atmosphere in those palmy, post-war days was presumably rather different from refugee camps in Germany. Her spell in Southern Rhodesia proved, however, to be her last paid job as in 1950 she married a friend she had made at university, Bill Birch Reynardson, a maritime lawyer, who lived near Thame in Oxfordshire.

But the energy that might have gone into a career was now merely diverted into raising her family and into a powerful amount of voluntary work. In 1967 she founded the South Oxfordshire Conservative Women's Advisory Committee, later being elected first for Chinnor and Tetsworth and then for Thame onto the Oxfordshire County Council. A strong supporter of her local MP, the former Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, she eventually became president of the Henley Conservative Association, having served for many years as chairman of its Tetsworth branch. She was, in turn, a member of the Oxfordshire District Health Authority and of the Oxford Regional Health Authority, subsequently becoming a trustee of the Nuffield Medical Trust.

She was a passionate Tory. But she also possessed a gift of listening, and her interest in other people always lay in what they wanted to say rather than in what she felt they ought to be told.

She and her husband lived in a lovely country house which they made into a welcoming family home surrounded by a beautiful garden on which for almost 40 years she lavished great affection.

She is survived by her husband Bill and a son and two daughters.

DODI FAYED

Dodi Fayed, a director of Harrods, died in the company of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car crash in Paris on August 31 aged 42. He was born in Alexandria on April 15, 1955.

Until Dodi Fayed sprang startlingly into prominence in August as the latest man to become romantically associated with Diana, Princess of Wales, the name Fayed had signified exclusively his dynamic businessman father, Mohamed, to the British public. True, long before that point, Dodi Fayed was a well-established item among the international jet-set. He was a man whose wealth and *modus vivendi* — homes in London, Switzerland, New York, Los Angeles and the Scottish Highlands, fleets of fast cars and the use of the family yacht and executive jet — could gain him entry into any society. These qualities had seen him as the escort of some of the world's most desirable young women in the past two decades.

Yet, unlike his father, the charismatic owner of Harrods and energetic seeker after British citizenship, Dodi seemed to be driven by no particular demon. It was possible to describe him as a film producer; but his involvement in the film world consisted of a series of astute investments in successful projects rather than in a commitment to cinema as an art form. Thus his production company, Allied Stars, did very well from its 25 per cent stake in the Oscar-winning British-made 1924 Olympic Games film *Chariots of Fire* (1981). But it was one of a mere handful of sorties into the world of film production.

As his ample figure — familiar to tabloid readers in recent months adorning the decks of luxury yachts and speedboats — tended to emphasise, his métier was that of the playboy rather than the businessman. In this role, close friends loyally insist, he remained unspoilt by what to most would be wealth beyond the dreams of avarice, retaining a character of great sweetness whose relations with women were essentially chivalrous rather than overbearing. Indeed, as a number of his past paramours had sprung from the woodwork to proclaim otherwise, the former wife of his only marriage — an affair of remarkable brevity to an American model — put bitterness aside to add her, presumably authoritative, testimony to the positive side of the balance sheet.

Although frequently described as the "heir" to Fayed business interests, Dodi Fayed had shown no inclination to acquaint himself with the nuts and bolts of the world of retail trade. Likewise his flirtation with a military career had left no tangible martial stamp on him. Rather, until his sudden projection onto the world stage as the romantic consort of one of the world's most glamorous women, he had been content to occupy a niche in the gossip columns which could only be counted a minor one.

Dodi Fayed was born the eldest of five children of Mohamed Al Fayed who, in those days, was still making his way in the commercial world. His mother was Samira Kashoggi, sister of the arms dealer Adnan Kashoggi. The latter helped his brother-in-law to get on in the world by giving him charge of his furniture importing interests in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dodi's parents split up while he was still a young child. Left in the custody of his father, he was to lead a somewhat rootless life; "home" from early on was, variously, boarding school in Switzerland, holiday houses in France and Egypt or yachts in and out of various Mediterranean harbours. There was a period at Sandhurst, following which he was commissioned into the United Arab Emirates Air Force. But the military ethos was not for him. By this time his father's wealth was already substantially established, and the life of a playboy beckoned. The celebrity world was especially attractive to him and his film producing activities consorted well with it. Besides *Chariots of Fire*, he invested in the pop music film *Breaking Glass* (1980) and *The World According to Garp* (1982) among others.

The Hollywood ethos was highly congenial to him and his parties were always thickly wallpapered with showbiz personalities. He "dated" — as Americans put it — many of the most alluring women of this world: the actresses Brooke Shields, Britt Ekland and Patsy Kensit were mentioned in connection with him, as were models such as Marie Helvin, the singer Lynsey de Paul, Koo Stark and Princess Stephanie of Monaco. Attractive though he and his millions undoubtedly were, Dodi nevertheless negotiated many a romance without acquiring a bounder's, much less a blackguard's, reputation. This was to change when his association with Diana, Princess of Wales raised his "market value" in this regard and exposed him to the possibility of financial claims.

His only sortie into matrimony was in 1986, to the model Suzanne Gregard. The liaison was of that species of brevity which suggested little thought had gone into it — from the groom's side at any rate. Friends said it was a form of rebound from the death of his mother — always a close confidante — not long before. The divorce was no kissing contest either, and the bride walked off with a settlement supposedly in excess of £1 million. This left Dodi with a natural scepticism about the married state. For her part, his ex-wife was to speak of him magnanimously.

At about this time Dodi Fayed had first met the Princess of Wales, as she then still was. It was at a polo match between Harrods and the Prince of Wales's team at Windsor. They were to meet occasionally thereafter. Mohamed Al Fayed knew Diana's father, Earl Spencer, and her stepmother, Raine, who is on the board of Harrod's International.

Indeed, it may well have been the father who administered the impetus to his son to change the status of his relationship with the by then unattached and highly eligible ex-royal princess when he invited Diana and her sons William and Harry for a holiday on his yacht at St Tropez earlier this summer. At the end of it, Diana pronounced the holiday to be the best she had had in her life. Clearly this warm verdict had more than a little to do with the developing attraction she felt towards Dodi.

In any event, when the Princes William and Harry went north to Balmoral for their August break with their father, a repeat of the St Tropez holiday was offered to the Princess — this time to be *tête à tête* with Dodi. It was accepted with alacrity, and thanks to the exertions of pursuing freelance photographers — gratefully purchased and published by the now breast-beating tabloid press — was soon seen for what it clearly was, a fast-flowering and intimate romance.

Even the claims of an American model, Kelly Fisher, that Dodi was engaged to her, and that she would sue him for breach of promise, could not dampen the couple's ardour. After the Princess had taken stock of the situation with a friend, Rosa Monckton, the wife of the Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, on a holiday in Greece, she returned to Dodi Fayed at St Tropez.

The media attention this entailed projected Dodi at a stroke from a status which, while comfortable still allowed much privacy, into the incandescent glare of public scrutiny. It was while fleeing from this scrutiny, embodied in the paparazzi who conceive it as their duty to bring lives such as theirs to popular notice, that he and the Princess met their deaths in Paris.

DOUGLAS GRAY

Douglas Gray, record producer, film-maker and archivist, died in Stirling on August 7 aged 74. He was born in Aberdeen on October 8, 1922.

DOUGLAS GRAY made an enormous and wide-ranging contribution to the arts in Scotland. He was a pioneering independent record producer, setting up a small studio in his native Aberdeen at the end of the Second World War. For more than fifty years he built up a huge archive of Scottish songs, poems and literature — particularly the works of Robert Burns — recorded by the leading interpreters of the day when they were in their prime.

He did not do it for personal financial gain. A vast number of what would have been invaluable collectors' items were never commercially released; his primary concern was that they would be available for future generations.

A tall, serious-looking individual with a dry sense of humour, he was regarded by friends as a lovable eccentric. From Aberdeen Grammar School he went to Aberdeen University. There he took a first in economics, though he was to remain a hopeless businessman all his life. Something of a technical wizard, he was involved in top-secret radar work during the war.

For eight years he was assistant director of the Scottish Film Council. He set up Park Film Studios in Glasgow, and to finance himself he lectured in economics for a time in the extramural department of Glasgow University. While producing films, mainly documentaries, he continued to make records.

The artists he recorded included Jean Taylor Smith, Harold Wightman, Andrew Cruickshank, Duncan Macrae, Roddy McMillan, Tom Fleming, John Grieve, Edith McArthur, Eileen McCallum, Iain Cuthbertson and Jean Redpath. Among the poets he recorded were Hugh MacDiarmid, Sydney Goodsir Smith, Norman MacCaig, George Bruce, Edwin Muir, Edwin Morgan, George Mackay Brown and George Bruce (who was his cousin).

Almost by accident, Gray found himself with a Scottish No 1 hit on his hands when he released a record of Duncan Macrae doing his Hogmanay party-piece about *The Wee Cock Sparra that Sat on a Barra*. (Macrae was rather embarrassed by its success: he would have preferred to be recognised for his more serious work as an actor.)

Gray also made a recording called *Highland Voyage*, with original songs and music, featuring Macrae as Para Handy, the Clyde puffer skipper created by Neil Munro. He then hired a Clyde puffer and filmed Macrae in the Para Handy role. The film never made it into the cinemas, and lay forgotten for more than two decades until Jim Hunter, then head of television BBC Scotland, heard about it and screened it, declaring it the most important discovery of his television career.

For 15 years Gray owned the little Solsgirth Theatre in an old manor house at Kirkintilloch near Glasgow. Andrew Cruickshank opened it, and Hugh MacDiarmid regularly appeared there.

On one occasion Tom Fleming and Edith McArthur were appearing there and asked where they should change. "Oh there's a room here," replied Gray absent-mindedly, ushering them both into the same dressing room, where they discovered there were no curtains and they would be in full view of the arriving audience.

For the last 17 years of his life Gray lived at Brig o'Turk, near Callander, running the village's "post office and art gallery", and gradually digitising his treasure trove of old master tapes and discs. (All of his film work is now in the Scottish Film Archive.) He was chairman of the Trossachs Highland Festival, and had been working on writing and printing the local news sheet, *Talk of the Trossachs*, when he suffered the first of two heart attacks that ended his life.

His late wife, Paula, a zoology lecturer at Glasgow University, died some years ago. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

ON THIS DAY

September 2, 1972

Accepting his position as hopeless, Spassky conceded the championship with a telephone call. In 1975 Fischer lost the title by default, but emerged from retirement in 1992 to defeat Spassky again.

A CHESS MATCH FOR THE MILLIONS

From Harry Golombek

Reykjavik, Sept 1

The Spassky-Fischer match has a good claim to be regarded as the most important in the whole history of world championship matches. I would class the intrinsic worth of the games and the chess they contained as one of the highest in modern time . . .

Spassky 1, Fischer 0 became Spassky 2, Fischer 0 when the American refused to turn up to play the second game because the television cameras were upsetting him . . .

But it was in the fifth that we began to realize that Spassky's form was not at its best, though he had black. Fischer was on the offensive in the very early middle-game, playing a Nimzowitsch defence with great virtuosity. On the 27th move Spassky overlooked a deadly little combination and it was all over. So Fischer had equalized the match 2½-2½ after starting off with two losses.

The sixth game was a really magnificent one by Fischer. Starting off with the great surprise of 1.P-QB4, he played a Queen's Gambit in a style reminiscent and worthy of Capablanca.

It was a masterpiece, both strategically and tactically. Fischer, for the first time, was in the lead by 3½-2½. He was never to lose it. Seeing that he was doing no good with the Queen's pawn openings, Spassky turned over to 1.P-K4 for the seventh game and Fischer replied with a Sicilian defence in which he took off the QKtP with his queen — the so-called poisoned pawn variation . . .

Fischer once again played 1.P-QB4 in the eighth game, but this time the opening was a genuine English. It was also a bad game in as much as Spassky overlooked at least two very obvious moves and lost. The score was now Fischer 5, Spassky 3 . . .

Fischer then produced what I think was the best game of the match, the tenth which was a Ruy Lopez of quite classical format. Spassky made just one slip and that not an obvious one and the rest of the game was an example of how to play a king-side attack on firm classical lines.

But when, in the eleventh game, Fischer again employed his poisoned pawn variation of the Sicilian Defence, Spassky really shone in dealing with it. That pulled Fischer back to 6½-4½, and with a draw in the next game the score became Fischer 7, Spassky 5. Another surprise was sprung by Fischer in the next game when he played an Alekhine defence. Perhaps unsettled by this and clearly not expecting it, Spassky lost a rather strange game that one felt he should never have done.

But the score was back to the three point lead for Fischer with 8-5, and Spassky's only possible salvation lay in some forceful wins . . .

By the time the twenty-first game was reached the score was Fischer 11½, Spassky 8½. Spassky lost the game, I am sure, as a result of sheer fatigue and with it his title.

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THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 1997

NEWS

Driver of Princess's car was drunk

■ The chauffeur of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed had been driving at 120mph while drunk, French investigators discovered. Henri Paul, deputy head of security at the Paris Ritz, had had the equivalent of one and a half bottles of wine — when he drove the Princess and her companion Dodi Fayed from the hotel on Sunday night........Pages 1, 4

Arrangements for the funeral

■ Britain will come to a halt on Saturday as the nation mourns. The National Lottery draw has been postponed, cinemas and theatres have cancelled shows, sports events have been moved and banks will close........Pages 1, 2, 10

Queues for condolence books

■ The queue to sign the books of condolence at St James's Palace was numbered in thousands throughout the day, stretching from the Friary Court entrance halfway down The Mall towards Admiralty Arch........Page 3

Double life of bodyguard

■ Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who was the sole survivor of the crash, lived an extraordinary double life, moving with complete secrecy between his job and his home........Page 5

The Princess's will

■ *Princes William and Harry will be the main beneficiaries of* the will drawn up by the Princess of Wales........Page 6

Prince comforts his sons

■ The Prince of Wales may seek further practical help in comforting his sons from Tiggy Legge-Bourke, his former personal assistant........Page 7

How the world mourned

■ The death was mourned around the world, across continents and through language barriers........Pages 8, 9

Paparazzi harassment discussed

■ Harassment by the paparazzi was placed under urgent review by Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. He began talks to discuss the insatiable demand for photographs of public figures........Page 13

Nanny register

Childcare campaigners called on the Government to establish a compulsory register of nannies amid reports that private companies are charging nannies up to £100 each to join unregulated registers........Page 14

Arson sentence anger

The father of a woman firefighter who died in a supermarket blaze attacked the 7½ year sentence on a security guard who started the fire. Roger Lombard said that the culprit needed psychiatric help and a longer term........Page 15

£1m a year lawyers

Four Queen's Counsel specialising in tax law are among 14 barristers reputed to to be earning £1 million a year........Page 16

Montserrat 'mistakes'

George Foulkes, the International Development minister, accepting government mistakes over its handling of Montserrat, yesterday pledged its unequivocal commitment for a new start in the tiny British colony........Page 17

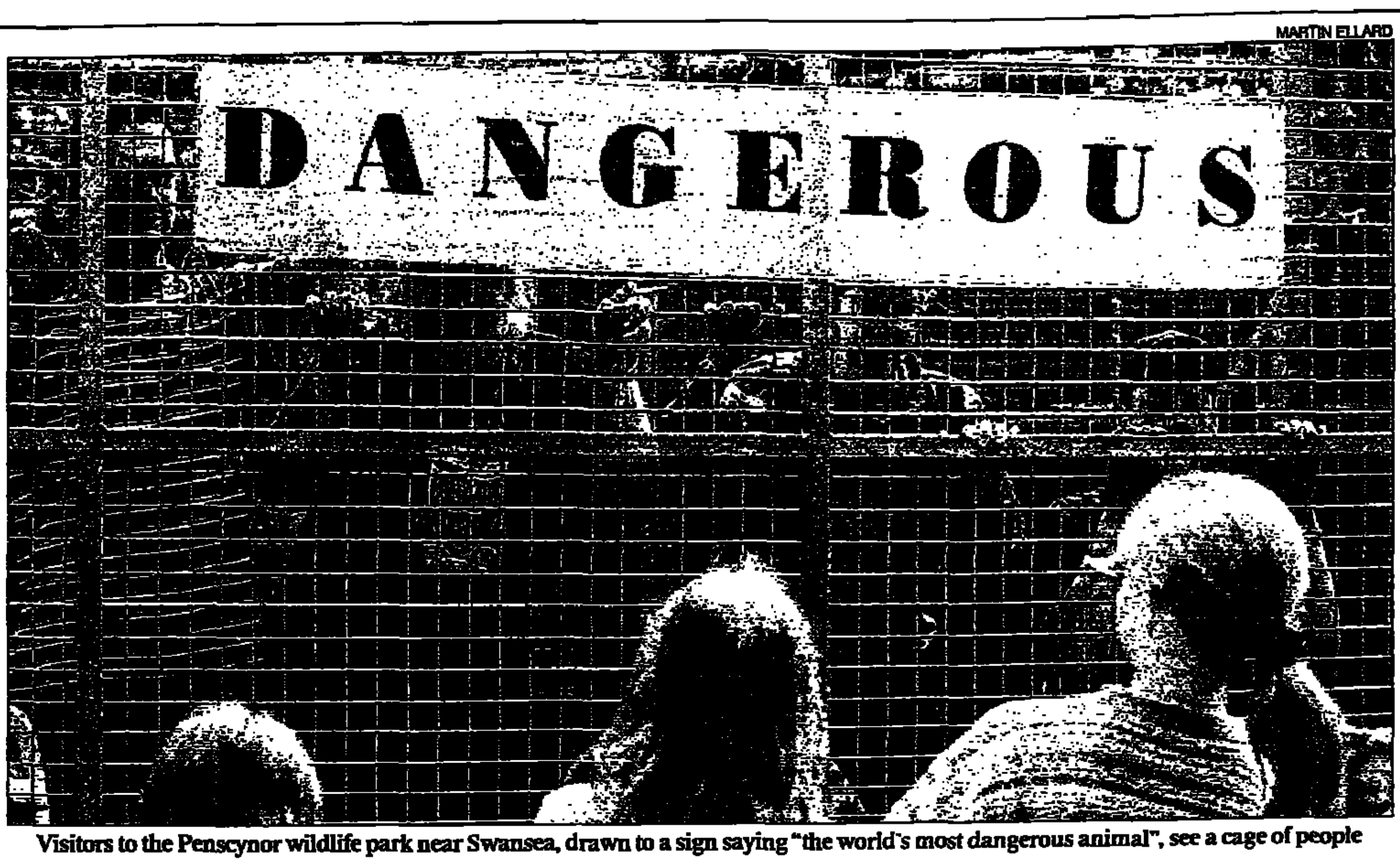
Elephants threatened

Sri Lanka is fighting to save its elephants from poachers, farmers and war. Tamil Tiger guerrillas have machinegunned many of them for no reason........Page 18

Yeltsin to go

President Yeltsin startled Russia when he told a group of schoolchildren that he had no plans to remain in office beyond the turn of the century — when his presidential term expires........Page 19

MARTIN ELLARD



Visitors to the Penscynor wildlife park near Swansea, drawn to a sign saying "the world's most dangerous animal", see a cage of people

BUSINESS

Bills: British Gas is expected to announce discounts for its direct-debit customers in South East England in an effort to keep business........Page 27

Japan: Yamaichi, the beleaguered Japanese securities house, is to sack up to 48 London staff in an attempt to cut £10 million-a-year British losses........Page 27

Economy: London shares bounced back strongly on new evidence that the economy may be starting to cool down and that further Bank of England interest rate rises may not be necessary........Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 52.7 to 4870.2. Sterling's index fell from 102.2 to 102.1 after a fall from $1.6215 to $1.6125 but a rise from DM2.9203 to DM2.9206... Page 30

SPORT

Cricket: Surrey will try to persuade other counties to support a two-division championship at a meeting at Lord's today........Page 49

Tennis: The British No 1, Greg Rusedski, reached the quarterfinals of the US Open by beating Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic, 7-6, 6-2, 6-2........Page 52

Rugby league: Great Britian broke with tradition yesterday by appointing a foreigner, Shaun McRae, the Australian coach of St Helens, to assist Andy Goodway as national coach........Page 48

Rowing: Britain's young development crews reaped the benefits of training with more experienced colleagues, such as Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, at the world championships........Page 50

ARTS

Global bookworms: An ambitious new poll of literary tastes is asking readers worldwide to pick the best books published in English in the past 20 years........Page 36

Wet, just wet: A decade in the charts *for the Glaswegian quartet* Wet Wet Wet has done nothing to tempt them away from safe old material........Page 36

Team temples: Four magnificent new football stadiums open in Britain this season, triumphs of high-tech architecture. The most impressive of all is at Bolton Wanderers........Page 37

Nordic night: Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra brought to the Proms a fine evening of Sibelius, Stravinsky and a Swedish premiere....Page 37

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Unforgettable: Everyone will remember where they were when they heard the news that Diana, Princess of Wales, had died, says Sue Corrigan........Page 20

Money and morality: Steal a hun*dred dollars and you go to jail*, steal a hundred million and you live in luxury in some foreign clime. Dorothy Rowe questions our attitudes to money........Page 20

Living with grief: The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, may haunt *children whose parents* are divorced, says Bill Frost........Page 21

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Suing sir: Teachers are having to face the possibility of being sued over bullying cases........Page 39

Big guns: Who would lawyers and other City professionals choose to represent them?........Page 41

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Diploma mills: Standards in Brit*ish universities are often criticised*. But what about their American equivalents?........Page 43

THE PAPERS

The ghost of Diana will pursue Prince Charles for life. This woman's tragic end will weigh heavily on a Royal Family that never understood her. The family should be included on the list of casualties from the tunnel under the Seine

— *El Mundo*, Madrid

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Preview: Old comedy scripts get a new treatment. *Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's* (ITV, 8.30pm). **Review:** Joe Joseph on opera according to Jonathan Miller........Pages 50, 51

OPINION

Let mourners come

Every life is unique but not every death is mourned by an entire nation. Diana, Princess of Wales, was irreplaceable. Her funeral must allow the people to participate........Page 23

Turmoil in Asia

A sensible response from Japan and China to the financial crises in southeast Asia would go a long way to restoring confidence throughout the region........Page 23

Open all hours

In its staggering unconcern with the background and motive of its contributors, the Clinton White House has broken all established fundraising norms........Page 23

COLUMNS

PETER STOTHARD

From the pavement where I was standing, in the covered pathway to the restaurant in Park Lane, there was not a paparazzo to be seen. Yet, according to the manager who had brought us the warning message, there was a pack of them out there. Inside, sitting at the table where we had just finished lunch, was a worried waitress and the Princess of Wales........Page 22

LIBBY PURVES

Families of lesser figures often keep funerals small and close. This useful separation of private and public grief is not available to the Spencer and Windsor families now, and that is another hard thing they must bear. *But there is something* we could offer in return . . . a small gesture of atonement for a life and death cursed by intrusion. We should promise to keep away — and look away — from her boys until they are men........Page 22

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Dodi Fayed; Douglas Gray, record producer and film-maker; **Nik Birch Reynardson**, Oxford county councillor........Page 25

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TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE

The weekly technology section celebrates its 100th issue and an electronic centenary

■ HOMES

Battle lines are being drawn as planners seek sites for more than 4 million new houses

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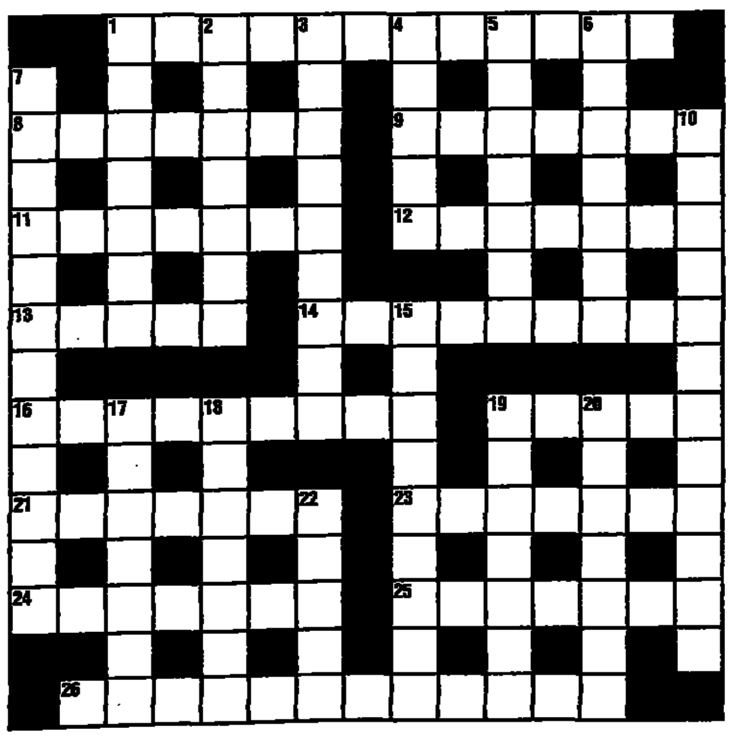

ACROSS

1 Imaginary character among the first Wells wrote about (3,2,3,4).
8 Puts a stop to a right to take holidays (7).
9 Call for retirement (7).
11 Somehow making me rich – a wild fancy that! (7).
12 English lass I'm crazy for? (7).
13 A good many fly (5).
14 Book in volume a saint composed (9).
16 Rants about breaking cash limit (9).
19 Chinese outfit that could be nothing short of famous (5).
21 Brought back from Lisle Manet's works of art (7).
23 Paper, say, backed full range of fine material (7).
24 Where marine creature may be seen, leading to Scot's exclamation? (3,4).
25 Game to take in some dancing (7).
26 Eponymous hero providing riotous descriptions (7,5).

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1 Poet up in arms (7).
2 Developing a trail, following new lead (7).
3 Wishful thinking? For the present, no (9).
4 Women's accommodation run by male (5).
5 Sailor leaves a fortune (7).
6 Foreign deliveries, a vast quantity (7).
7 Fool steals pouches outside (5,7).
10 Unsmart manoeuvre by board open to changes (12).
15 One whose standing depends on recognition of his deeds (9).
17 A river, moreover, goes over here (7).
18 Finished level – have to fix that (3,4).
19 Summoned for audition and seen (7).
20 Workaday Union set up with European support (7).
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Solution to Puzzle No 20,573

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Herne Bay, Kent, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 1.42in; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 10.9hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern Ireland will be windy with some rain. Most of Scotland should start fine with some sun, but wet and windy weather in the extreme west will spread eastwards. Wales and western England will have some sun, but it will cloud over with rain later. Central and eastern England will be dry and quite warm.

Tonight the rain will start to ease in the west of Northern Ireland but it will be cloudy with rain in other parts. Most of Scotland will see further rain. Western parts of England and Wales will have a wet and windy night with the rain later affecting Northern England, but much of central and southeast England will remain dry.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** dry with sunny spells. A light southwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England, NE England:** dry with sunny spells. Light southwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District:** some early sunshine but cloud thickening with rain later. Fresh southerly wind. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** windy with some rain. Strong southerly wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** some sun then cloud and rain. Freshening southerly wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** a dry with some sunshine but rain later. A moderate southeast wind increasing strong. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** cloudy with some heavy rain. Winds easing later with some drier spells. Wind southerly, strong becoming moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain in the west will spread across most of England and Wales on Wednesday, but it should be drier and brighter on Thursday. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunshine and blustery showers after more persistent rain.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun	Rain	Max				Sun	Rain	Max		
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Aberdeen	0.1	0.29	18	64	c	Lerwick	0.5	0.46	16	61	fg
Anglesey	X					Leuchars	-	0.17	19	66	r
Aspatria	4.0	0.44	17	63	r	Littlehmptn	8.0	-	23	73	s
Aviemore	0.1	0.11	15	59	r	London	8.0	-	22	72	b
Belfast	3.7	0.43	19	66	b	Lowestoft	4.5	-	20	68	c
Birmingham	8.5	0.01	21	70	b	Manchester	7.1	0.02	20	68	s
Bognor R	8.0	-	21	70	b	Margate	2.9	-	21	70	du
Bournem'th	9.8	-	21	70	s	Minehead	8.3	0.01	19	66	s
Bristol	5.0	0.11	20	68	s	Morecambe	4.4	0.14	18	64	s
Buxton	5.7	0.08	18	64	s	Newcastle	4.0	0.64	19	66	b
Cardiff	7.7	0.04	19	66	s	Newquay	7.5	0.01	17	63	s
Clacton	10.0	X	X	X	b	Norwich	4.5	-	21	70	b
Cleethorpes	4.6	0.63	21	70	sh	Oxford	X	0.01	21	70	b
Colwyn Bay	9.5	0.05	19	66	s	Penzance	X	0.03	20	68	s
Cromer	6.0	-	20	68	b	Poole	10.9	-	23	73	s
Dunbar	0.9	0.18	18	64	r	Prestatyn	X	0.02	18	64	s
Eastbourne	4.4	-	20	68	c	Ross-o-wye	8.9	0.01	21	70	s
Edinburgh	0.2	0.20	18	64	r	Salcombe	8.0	-	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	0.3	0.44	15	59	sh	Saunton Snd	7.3	0.02	19	66	s
Exmouth	7.0	0.01	19	66	s	Scarboro'	3.8	0.20	18	64	c
Falmouth	6.5	0.04	19	66	sh	Shrewsbury	8.6	0.01	19	66	s
Fishguard	10.4	0.02	17	63	s	Skegness	5.0	-	21	70	s
Folkestone	5.1	-	20	68	c	Southend	7.4	-	X	X	b
Glasgow	1.6	0.35	18	64	r	Southport	X	0.18	18	64	d
Guernsey	6.6	0.01	20	68	s	Southsea	9.3	-	21	70	s
Hastings	4.0	-	20	68	c	Stornoway	3.1	0.05	17	63	r
Hayling I	6.3	-	20	68	s	Swanage	9.6	-	20	68	c
Herne Bay	2.4	-	24	75	b	Teignmouth	7.9	0.01	21	70	s
Hunstanton	5.2	-	20	68	s	Tenby	9.5	0.02	19	66	s
Isle of Man	6.9	0.14	18	64	s	Tiree	6.5	1.42	17	63	s
Isle of Wight	8.0	-	19	66	s	Torquay	8.2	0.01	21	70	s
Jersey	6.7	-	21	70	b	Tynemouth	X	0.12	19	66	b
Kinloss	0.4	0.01	17	63	r	West-s-mare	4.6	0.02	20	68	b
Leeds	5.0	0.16	19	66	r	Weymouth	8.6	0.01	19	66	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26	79	s	Corfu	27	81	f	Majorca	29	84	s	Rome	27	81	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	24	75	s	Malaga	27	81	s	S Fr'isco	21	70	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dublin	16	61	r	Malta	26	79	c	S Paulo	28	82	c
Algiers	32	90	s	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Melb'rne	17	63	f	Salzburg	17	63	c
Amst'dm	22	72	f	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	21	70	s	Santiago	14	57	f
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Berlin	23	73	f	Istanbul	22	72	f	Naples	28	82	s	Tokyo	30	86	f
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	25	77	s	Toronto	20	68	c
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	21	70	f	Tunis	30	86	s
Borde'x	25	77	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Paris	27	81	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Brussels	24	75	f	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	33	91	f	Vanc'ver	20	68	s
Budapest	24	75	f	Le Touquet	24	75	f	Perth	17	63	s	Venice	25	77	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	23	73	c	Prague	19	66	c	Vienna	24	75	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	24	75	s	Reykjavik	10	50	r	Warsaw	24	75	f
Ch'church	14	57	X	Luxembg	24	75	s	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	X		
Chicago	27	81	s	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	27	81	s	Wel'ngton	14	57	X
Cologne	23	73	s	Madrid	28	82	f	Riyadh	41	106	s	Zurich	22	72	s

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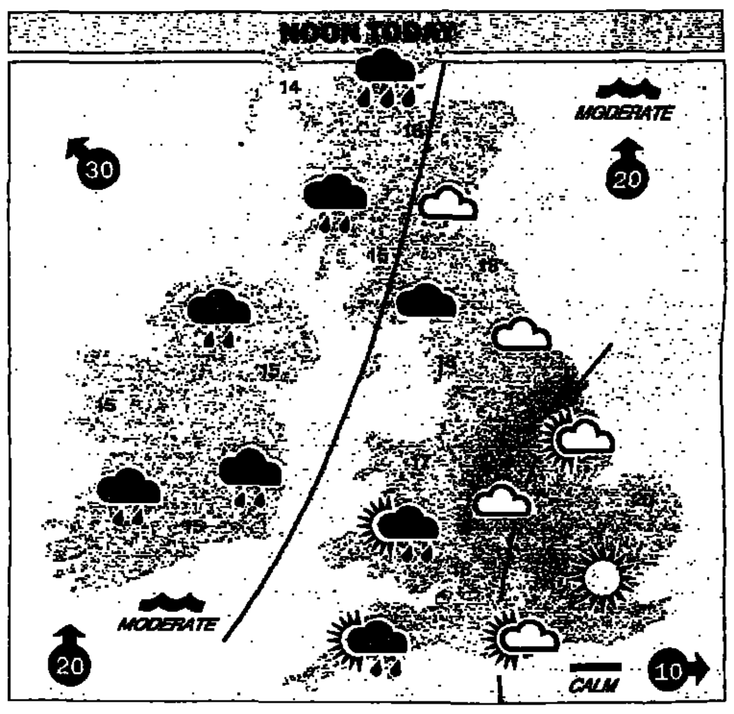

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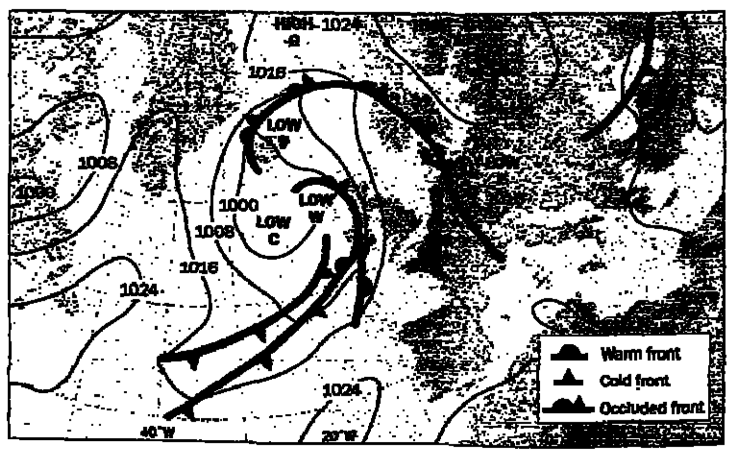

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Aberdeen	02.20	4.2	14.45	4.1	Liverpool	00.11	9.2	12.28	9.1
Avonmouth	08.29	12.8	20.41	12.9	Lowestoft	10.31	2.6	23.14	2.4
Belfast	-	-	12.17	3.2	Margate	01.13	4.5	13.15	4.6
Cardiff	08.15	11.8	20.27	12.0	Milford Haven	07.22	6.6	19.37	6.8
Devonport	06.55	5.3	19.03	5.5	Newquay	06.13	6.6	18.28	6.6
Dover	00.00	6.4	12.15	6.6	Oban	07.00	3.8	19.00	3.9
Dublin (N Wall)	00.38	4.1	12.54	3.8	Penzance	05.45	5.3	18.00	5.4
Falmouth	06.26	5.1	18.34	5.3	Portland	08.03	1.8	20.11	2.0
Greenock	01.27	3.4	14.12	3.2	Portsmouth	00.03	4.4	12.27	4.5
Harwich	00.54	3.8	13.08	3.9	Shoreham	00.08	5.9	12.30	6.0
Holyhead	11.33	5.3	23.45	5.5	Southampton	-	-	12.01	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	07.27	8.5	19.51	8.3	Swansea	07.33	9.4	19.49	9.6
Ilfracombe	07.09	8.8	19.21	8.9	Tees	04.45	5.3	17.05	5.1
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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.15 am
Sun sets: 7.45 pm
Moon sets 7.53 pm
Moon rises 6.38 am
First quarter September 10

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Bristol 7.54 pm to 6.26 am
Edinburgh 8.05 pm to 6.21 am
Manchester 7.56 pm to 6.21 am
Penzance 8.04 pm to 6.40 am

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Shares revive as economy shows signs of cooling

By Janet Bush and Anne Ashworth

LONDON shares bounced back strongly yesterday on new evidence that the economy may be starting to cool down and that further Bank of England interest rate rises may not be necessary.

The FTSE 100 index ended more than 1 per cent higher, gaining 52.7 points to close at 4,870.2.

The latest economic data not only confirmed the considerable pain being imposed on British exporters by the strong pound but also suggested the consumer economy, the powerhouse of current growth and main source of inflation worries, is losing its strength.

The August report of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply showed that manufacturing industry continued to expand, largely because of buoyant consumer demand at home, but at its slowest rate since June 1996. Almost a third of exporters reported a decline in export orders and, ominously, the purchasing managers' employment index fell for the first time since March as firms laid off workers in an attempt to cut costs.

In parallel with the weaker picture in manufacturing came a number of items suggesting a slowing of consumer demand. Consumer credit rose by only a net £500 million in July, the lowest since late 1994 and less than half the increase of £1.2 billion in June.

The figures showed large debt repayments, suggesting that consumers had been financing purchases by borrowing in advance of receiving windfall payments but then using the windfalls to repay their debts.

There was also a slowdown in the growth of M0 money supply, largely notes and coins in circulation. Annual growth fell to 5.0 per cent in August, from 5.8 per cent in July. This was the lowest rate of growth for three years.

Separately, the Halifax cut its forecast for house price rises this year to 6 per cent from 7 per cent previously. This is slightly below the 6.4 per cent annual rate of price inflation seen to date in the bank's monthly price index. The August index today shows prices rising by 0.5 per cent during the month.

Gary Marsh, Halifax assistant general manager, said: "We are not moving into the boom conditions that other commentators' figures would seem to indicate. At the Halifax we believe that we are in a sustained recovery, not a boom."

Recent rises in mortgage rates and the further restriction in mortgage tax relief, due to take effect in April 1998, will act to subdue the upward pressure on prices, the Halifax believes. Mr Marsh said that there was no need for further rate rises to take the heat out of the property market. The bank expects that base rates will peak at 7.5 per cent in the first half of 1998.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders published figures showing that mortgage demand remains robust, with net lending up £2.3 billion in July after a £2.1 billion increase in June. But the CML said that new mortgage approvals were slightly down on June.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4870.2	(+52.7)
Yield	3.40%	
FTSE All share	2296.0	(+19.28)
Nikkei	17974.30	(-255.12)
New York:		
Dow Jones	Closed	
S&P Composite	—	

US RATE

Federal Funds	Closed	(5⁷⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	—	(96²⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	—	(6.61%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7¼%	(7¼%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114²⁷⁄₃₂	(114½)

STERLING

New York:		
$	Closed	(1.6205)
London:		
$	1.6128	(1.6210)
DM	2.9212	(2.9195)
FFr	9.8325	(9.8370)
SFr	2.4059	(2.4068)
Yen	194.94	(195.09)
£ Index	102.1	(102.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	Closed	(1.8090)
FFr	—	(6.0861)
SFr	—	(1.4925)
Yen	—	(120.80)
$ Index	106.2	(105.8)

Tokyo close Yen 120.68

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$18.65	($18.70)

GOLD

London close	$324.55	($324.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Morgan Grenfell five to fight for bonus

By Jason Nisse

FIVE former directors of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management (MGAM), dismissed last October after the Peter Young scandal, are pursuing £5 million in bonus payments that they say are owed to them by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (DMG), the fund manager's parent bank.

The five, who include Keith Percy, former chief executive of MGAM, and Glyn Owen, the former chief investment officer, are to put their case to trustees of the bank's phantom option plan (Pop) in the next six weeks.

They say they are entitled to payments under the £100 million plan that were built up over the previous six years at MGAM and were due to be paid in five tranches stretching up to 2001.

In Mr Percy's case, the payments total £2.5 million, and the deferred bonuses for the other four are understood to be worth at least as much.

The trustees, led by Sir John Craven, the former DMG chairman, usually only allow bonuses to be paid if employees leave because of ill health or are made redundant. However, the trustees have discretion to let the five keep their bonus payments because they have been classified as "good leavers".

The five were dismissed after Ernst & Young accountants investigated mismanagement of the Morgan Grenfell European Growth Fund, run by Peter Young. Four still receive a monthly salary from the bank because they had notice periods of a year.

The cost to DMG of the scandal has been put at more than £430 million, including a £2 million fine, with £1 million costs, levied by Imro, the watchdog. Imro is still investigating the role of senior directors of MGAM and is due to report this month.

The Pop, the subject of a long battle between DMG and the Inland Revenue over the way it operated, is worth more than £100 million. The largest beneficiary, Michael Dobson, DMG's chief executive, is to be paid £7 million.

Centrica to target gas and electricity markets

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE old and much maligned British Gas will complete its transformation in the autumn with a multi-million-pound campaign to establish itself as a one-stop energy company selling electricity and gas.

The company will today launch a new offensive to retain business in the gas market, announcing discounts for direct-debit customers in the competitive areas of the South East. The move follows the introduction of a similar discount in the South West, the first area to open to competition.

The discounts of 12 per cent on bills are certain to incense rival companies. They complained last time that the regulator should not sanction such discounts until there is more competition in the market. Competitors fear that if British Gas is allowed to offer discounts then customers will stay with the company rather than shopping around.

The regulator, who has called for consultation on future discounts, is not expected to oppose the discount.

Centrica, the parent company of British Gas Trading, is also ready to set out its strategy for the competitive electricity market, which begins next April, in a sweeping marketing initiative that will include television and radio advertising.

Centrica hopes to capture a large share of the electricity market while retaining gas customers through a series of campaigns that is likely to start when the next round of domestic gas competition begins in November.

At a later date the company is expected to provide an array of new financial services after the success of its Goldfish credit card.

Roy Gardner, Centrica's chief executive, today launches discounts in the South East in its two-pronged offensive

Centrica's eagerness to enter the electricity market will come as a relief for the Department of Trade and Industry and the industry regulator, who had feared blue chip companies were shying away from entering the electricity market. After an early bout of enthusiasm from large retailers, interest in the household electricity market seemed to have waned. It is thought that Centrica will keep the name of British Gas prominent in its marketing.

Centrica's monopoly in domestic gas is being eroded by the roll-out of competition. In areas where household gas competition has been established — the South West of England and parts of the South East — Centrica has so far lost 22 per cent of its customers to rivals.

> "Less than a year ago, hardly a day seemed to go by without fresh scorn being poured on British Gas. A popular whipping boy after the scandals over executive pay, British Gas did itself greater harm by threatening to disconnect thousands of good-paying customers and having too few engineers to cope with service contracts."
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Yesterday saw the first consolidation of gas suppliers with the joining of Amerada Hess and SwebGas in the South West. Under the agreement SwebGas will receive access to long-term gas supplies while Sweb, the regional electricity company that owns SwebGas, will sell SwebGas's share capital to Amerada.

Analysts have long been tipping consolidation in the gas market as a variety of companies offer substantial discounts to customers who seem reluctant to switch.

Centrica's share price has rallied in recent months spurred by growing confidence in the company's strategy and its success in renegotiating expensive take-or-pay contracts. From a low of 56¼p in May it stood at 91¾p yesterday.

Shares of BG, which inherited the pipeline and exploration and production interests of British Gas at demerger, have also risen sharply to 270p from 125¾p a year ago.

PIA fine for DBS over slow pension review

By Gavin Lumsden

THE Personal Investment Authority has imposed its largest fine on a financial group, forcing the resignation of one its own directors from the City regulator's board.

Ken Davy, chairman of DBS Financial Management, the financial advisers's network, resigned after the PIA fined his company £425,000 over the slow progress of its pensions mis-selling review.

The PIA said DBS, which operates a network of 2,600 advisers, had failed to take all reasonable steps in reviewing the pensions business of its representatives. It had also failed to monitor the pensions review of around 500 of its members before they joined the DBS network. It ordered DBS to pay £19,450 costs.

An estimated 1.5 million people are eligible for compensation after being wrongly advised in the late 1980s and early 1990s to leave, or not join, company pension schemes in favour of personal pensions with lower benefits. The PIA has demanded that 90 per cent of the 500,000 priority cases be settled by the end of the year. About 10 per cent were originated by independent financial advisers.

Mr Davy, who joined the PIA board in July 1995, said: "I felt it was inappropriate to continue on the board."

Martin Greenwood, chief executive of DBS, said the company was disappointed at the size of the fine but had decided not to appeal so that it could focus on resolving its case load. Although he refused to say how many cases DBS had to review he was confident the company would achieve this year's PIA deadline.

DBS has blamed the hold-ups on lack of information from occupational pensions schemes and the difficulties in calculating the compensation payments. However, the company is believed to have clashed with the PIA over the amount of review work that could be delegated to local member firms. It is also understood to have underestimated the burden imposed by its responsibilty for its members' pre-network business.

The PIA is taking an increasingly aggressive line. Two weeks ago it fined the Leeds-based M&E IFA network £100,000 over pensions mis-selling, then a record.

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Regulator may go to Docklands

By Martin Waller

THE new City super-regulator has approached Canary Wharf about taking a huge office there for its headquarters, a move that would be a blow to the City.

The Canary Wharf address is at 25 The Colonnades, next to premises taken by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Sources close to the new regulator, currently operating under the working name NewRo, say that no decision has been taken. It is only one of six properties being considered by a steering committee of the new body.

However, the organisation had had to put down a firm marker of interest in the building, which is ready for occupation, to head off approaches from another potential occupier, thought to be a big insurance broker. "We've secured it to stay on our shortlist," said one source. "We're keeping our options open."

Of the other five properties under consideration, several are not yet completed or would need modification. They include Thames Court and space at St Martin's Le Grand.

UK retailers poised for French store wars

By Oliver August

TESCO and Kingfisher may be drawn into a battle for supremacy in French food retailing after Promodes, which operates 160 hypermarkets, lanched a £3 billion hostile bid for Casino and Rallye, two rival supermarket chains.

A merger of the three French groups would create the country's biggest food distributor with a market share of 13 per cent in a fast-consolidating sector. But first indications, after Promodes' bid announcement yesterday, suggested the bid will be contested.

British food retailers are expected to take a close look at the offer document. Tesco, which owns a French food retailer called Catteau, and Kingfisher, which showed an interest in the BUT supermarkets group earlier this year, may make their own bid for Casino, the main focus of Promodes' interest.

Promodes, which operates the Champion chain, said: "Through these bids, Promodes is showing its desire to develop a project with Casino of which the strategic interest and industrial logic has been widely recognised."

French supermarket chains are consolidating after legislation which stops further out-of-town retail developments. The major chains are now fighting over existing retail properties.

The bid is made up of an offer of Fr340 (£34.55) per Casino share and Fr420 per Rallye share. There are also bids for preferred shares, share warrants and convertible bonds. The shares were suspended after the launch of the offers.

The Casino and Rallye boards will consider the bids today. Yesterday they said the bids were "unsolicited" but made no further comment. Rallye, which is 75 per cent owned by Euris, is Casino's largest shareholder with 28 per cent. It has 36.3 per cent of the voting rights. The Guichard family, heirs of Casino's founder, hold another 7.9 per cent of the capital and 15.3 per cent of the voting rights.

INSIDE

- Alf Roberts could receive up to £1.3 million in compensation and profits from share options after quitting the board of PowerGen with no job to go to. Details of the payoff emerged as new pay data indicates that boardroom remuneration is rising by 16 per cent a year.

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Boardroom pay races ahead of inflation

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

COMPANIES are rejecting attempts to limit boardroom pay increases, with top company directors' pay now rising five times as fast as inflation.

The latest findings from the Labour Research Department (LRD), an independent research body with no connection to the Labour Party, shows that the average rise of 16 per cent in directors' pay in publicly quoted companies compares with inflation at 3 per cent, and earnings increases across the economy as a whole of just over 4 per cent.

The average increase of 16 per cent is the same as the rise last year, against 10 per cent the previous year.

Referring to the Government-backed inquiry into boardroom pay, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, the LRD says that "boardroom remuneration committees have turned a deaf ear to the Greenbury committee, which urged more sensitivity on executive pay, and to public disquiet about the explosion of 'fat cat' salaries".

The league table of directors earning more than £1 million is topped by Jim Fifield of EMI, the music group, at £5.8 million, and Sam Chisholm, who was paid £3.8 million before resigning from BSkyB, though the salaries of both actually fell over the year.

LRD says that some of the largest salaries are found in private limited companies, with an unidentified director at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell earning £6.6 million. Pay among directors in these companies tends to be more volatile, LRD says, with this year's average increase of 20 per cent, compared with just 1 per cent in last year's survey. Mohammed Pervez, chairman of the Bestway cash and carry group, saw a 1,208 per cent pay rise, from £238,000 to £3.1 million, after standing at £2.8 million the previous year.

LRD says that the top earners in cash terms are celebrities who are directors of their own companies. The research organisation reports that Elton John, the singer, leads the pay league with earnings of £35.5 million from Happenstance and J Bondi, his two companies — a 241 per cent rise.

Sting, former vocalist with the Police, saw what LRD says is a "revival in his fortunes" with a rise of 659 per cent in his earnings from two companies, Steerpike and Steerpike Overseas, taking his pay to £10.2 million.

Other high earners include Eric Clapton, at £9.3 million, a rise of 59 per cent, Phil Collins at £8.8 million, a rise of 48 per cent, and Sir Paul McCartney at £3.6 million, a rise of 135 per cent.

But the earnings of Mark Knopfler, leader of Dire Straits, are a mirror of his band's name, with a drop in his pay from his company Chariscourt of 39 per cent, to £1.7 million.

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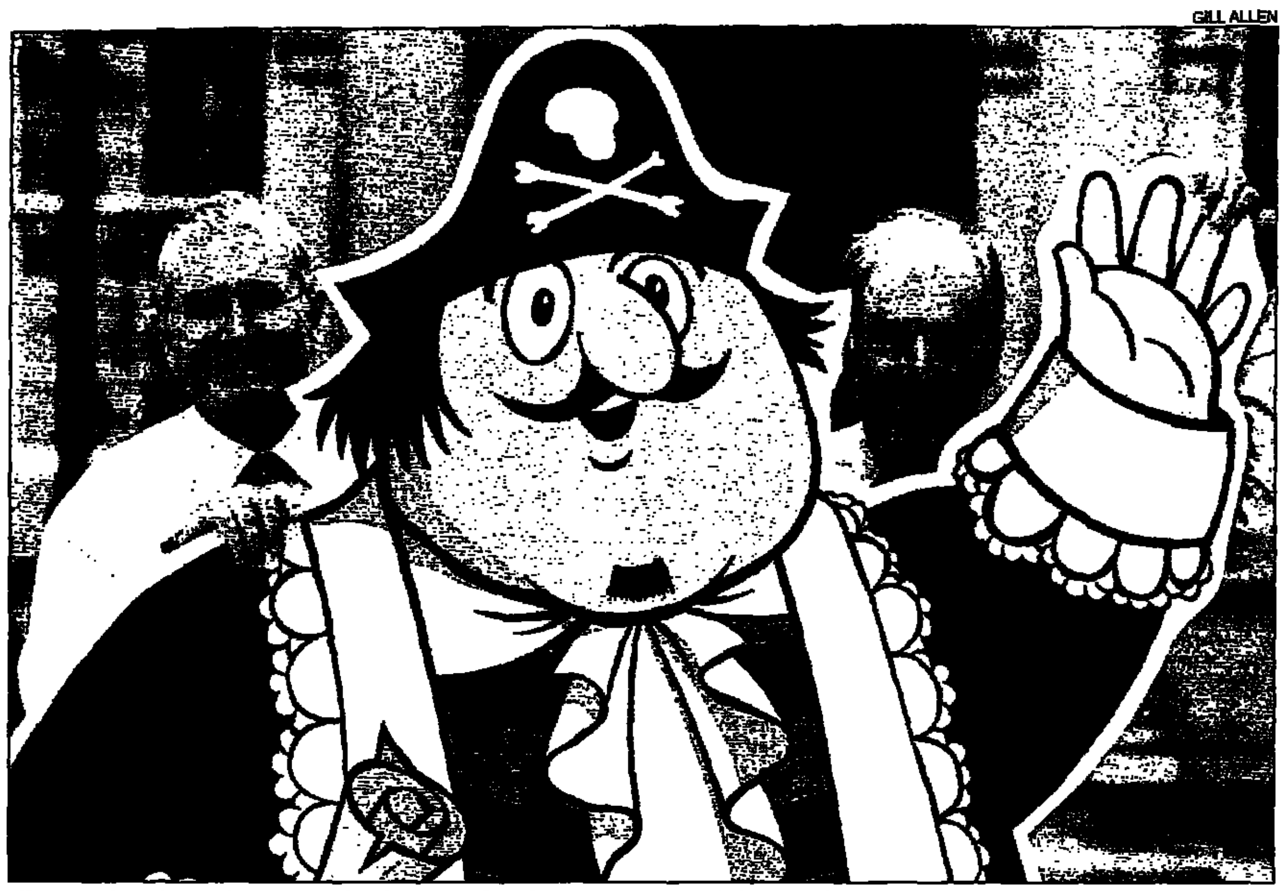

Roger Llewellyn, chairman of Britt Allcroft, left, and Angus Wright, the chief executive, with Captain Pugwash, a children's cartoon favourite. The company raised pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £2.35 million in the year ended June 30. Earnings per share were up 17 per cent to 6.6p and the total dividend rose 13 per cent to 1.8p, compared with 1.2p

Shell plans $2bn India gas venture

By Carl Mortished

SHELL is planning a $2 billion (£1.25 billion) investment in natural gas power generation in India, its first big project in the country.

Shell International Gas will take an 80 per cent interest in a joint venture with Essar, the Indian steel and power company, which will build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal at Hazira in Gujarat. The five-year project will also increase the 515 megawatt capacity of Essar's existing power station to 2,000 megawatts.

Shell said the LNG terminal would have initial capacity of 2.5 million tonnes, rising to five million tonnes over five year.

The Anglo-Dutch oil company has LNG production facilities in Oman, Brunei and Malaysia and has a major gas liquefaction project under way in Nigeria.

India has a severe electricity shortage with power cuts a frequent occurrence, and the Indian Government is encouraging investment in infrastructure.

The oil company recently signed a joint venture with Cairn Energy to develop gasfields in Bangladesh with the long-term goal of piping gas to cities on India's east coast.

Northern Rock price unchanged

By Anne Ashworth

NORTHERN ROCK, the fourth building society to become a bank this year, is not increasing the estimate of the windfall to be distributed to its 885,000 customers next month.

This is despite an 18.5 per cent increase in the FTSE retail banking index since the price prediction was made in February. It is understood that Northern Rock and its advisers have decided that the market should be allowed to determine the value of the shares.

As Northern Rock qualifying borrowers and savers are receiving 500 shares each, this means that their payment will be worth between £1,300 and £1,475. There was speculation last month that the Northern Rock price estimate would be raised by 10 per cent, giving an average windfall of £1,600 plus.

Demand for banking shares has fuelled the rise in the FTSE 100 index of leading companies. Funds have been eager to acquire stakes in the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester, the other societies that have converted to banks in 1997. The Halifax, floated on June 1, hit a high of 778p on July 1, 358p higher than the 420p mid-price estimate made for the shares earlier in the year. Yesterday its shares closed at 709p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BTP a buyer in £62m Yorkshire disposals

YORKSHIRE GROUP, the troubled chemicals producer, has agreed to sell three of its four businesses for £62.2 million, ending its 20-year history as a leather dyes and printing ink combine. The company, which last year saw its profits plunge from £10.1 million to £2.8 million, is to become a standalone textile dyes company less than three quarters of its former size.

BTP, the chemicals group, is buying the leather and speciality chemicals business — the largest business on the auction block — for £37.1 million. Yorkshire's British pigment dispersions business has been sold to Holliday Chemicals for £1.9 million. Yorkshire has agreed to sell its Australian pigments business, which has assets of £14.8 million, to Hüls America for £23.3 million. The City welcomed the disposals, and Yorkshire jumped 25p to 200p, a two-year high.

Laird buys Mimtec

LAIRD, the vehicle parts and assembly group, has acquired Mimtec Electronics for £20.9 million. Mimtec supplies the Scottish computer and electronics industry with assembly services and, in the year to January 31, had sales of £29.5 million and operating profits of £2.4 million. Its estimated net liabilities at acquisition are £1 million. Laird is paying with £2.3 million cash and is assuming £18.6 million of debt and repayment of preference shares. Laird said the deal extended its strategy of developing its computer-related activities.

Leisure lifts Gowrings

GOWRINGS, the Ford motor dealer and Burger King operator, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £359,000 from £139,000 in the six months to June 30 on turnover that improved to £38.6 million (£31.59 million). The dividend is increased to 1.1p (1p) a share, payable on November 3 from earnings that rose to 2.66p (1.06p) a share. The company said the leisure division, which operates 21 Burger King outlets, had recovered from the BSE scare, with sales improving 9 per cent in the second quarter.

Perkins plans buyback

PERKINS FOODS raised pre-tax profits by 27 per cent to £14.1 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share rose by 20 per cent, to 4.8p. The dividend is to rise by 3 per cent, to 1.8p. Perkins also intends to buy back £1 million of shares. Because of the buyback Perkins is able to count the dividend as a foreign income dividend. FIDs are only allowed for companies that have one class of share. Perkins has ordinary and convertible shares but the rule is waived if there is a transaction such as a share buyback. The shares rose 5p to 98p.

Lilleshall looks ahead

LILLESHALL, the industrial and consumer products group, is keeping its interim dividend at 1.85p despite lifting pre-tax profits to £2.37 million (£1.56 million). Adjusted earnings rose to 4.45p a share, from 2.53p. Turnover declined to £49.2 million (£57.7 million), after the disposal of non-core businesses. The company, which earned pre-tax profits of £1.35 million last year, would deliver "a much more acceptable performance" in the second half, said Peter Ryan, chairman.

Roxspur recovers

RESTRUCTURING and rationalisation at Roxspur, the specialist manufacturer of measurement and control products, helped pre-tax profits recover to £2.2 million from £172,000 in the year to the end of June, on turnover that was reduced to £26.2 million from £31.35 million after the disposal of non-core businesses. Gearing has been reduced to 75 per cent from 173 per cent. Earnings rose to 0.64p a share, from 0.02p. There is a 0.05p dividend for the year (nil).

Same again for Sidney

CHARLES SIDNEY, the Mercedes-Benz car dealer, is maintaining the interim dividend at 1.4p a share after pre-tax profits little changed at £2.65 million for the six months to June 30, against £2.67 million at the same time last year. Earnings were unchanged at 4.4p a share. Turnover fell to £124.35 million from £128 million, reflecting sluggish demand for trucks and volume cars. The company has promised to hold the total dividend at 4.2p for the financial year.

TOURIST RATES

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Australia $	2.31	2.14
Austria Sch	21.47	19.81
Belgium Fr	63.51	58.55
Canada $	2.364	2.176
Cyprus Cyp£	0.904	0.832
Denmark Kr	11.71	10.82
Finland Mkk	9.33	8.58
France Fr	10.30	9.52
Germany Dm	3.08	2.84
Greece Dr	485	446
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.09
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.05
Israel Shk	5.98	5.33
Italy Lira	3013	2776
Japan Yen	209.93	192.40
Malta	0.671	0.612
Netherlds Gld	3.478	3.183
New Zealand $	2.70	2.46
Norway Kr	12.69	11.75
Portugal Esc	308.53	286.50
S Africa Rd	8.30	7.34
Spain Pta	257.29	238.50
Sweden Kr	13.51	12.41
Switzerland Fr	2.56	2.34
Turkey Lira	276935	257057
USA $	1.719	1.576

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New directors for Kingfisher board

By Fraser Nelson

KINGFISHER, the Comet to Woolworths group, has recruited Margaret Salmon, the BBC's personnel director, and Michael Hepher, chief executive of Charterhouse Bank, as non-executive directors.

The appointments, the first fresh blood on Kingfisher's board in 18 months, were applauded in the City as figures who will help to keep a grip on cost control. The move marks Mrs Salmon's first return to the private sector since she left Burton Group ten years ago. She became the first female director of the BBC in 1990 and gained a reputation for toughness.

Mr Hepher resigned as managing director of British Telecom two years ago and joined Charterhouse last summer. He was formerly chairman of Abbey Life unit trust & pensions group, fronting its merger with Black Horse. He also has the reputation for being a tough operator.

Kingfisher is adding an extra position to its board after the resignation of Michael Hollingbery three months ago. No further departures are expected.

Scope exists for 100 more TV channels than planned

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

THE UK could have a further 100 channels of digital television in addition to those already planned — if anyone is willing to invest several hundred million pounds.

The Department of Trade and Industry is looking for suggestions by the end of this month on how to use a batch of frequencies that are surplus to current requirements.

Apart from 100 channels of digital television the frequencies could be used for everything from broadcasting the Internet to PCs and business and data communications to creating educational networks for the UK.

Five of the available frequencies were used by British Satellite Broadcasting, the satellite television venture that merged with Sky Television to form BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*. After the merger the two high-power satellites were bought by Scandinavian broadcasters.

The UK Government has recently secured a second block of five frequencies by international agreement.

Barbara Roche, the Industry Minister, believes the frequencies represent "potentially a valuable resource" and that the Government is open-minded about proposals for their use. If there is enough interest from serious players, the DTI may offer the frequencies either in a "beauty parade" or an auction.

Because of plans to launch digital satellite, digital cable and digital terrestrial services in the UK next year, business use, including communications, is probably the most realistic chance for the frequencies to be used.

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Car Group launches warranty scheme

By Jason Nissé

THE Car Group, which is expanding its chain of car supermarkets, and Lloyds TSB, the high street bank, have joined forces to offer warranties for the four million second-hand cars that are sold privately every year.

The venture — which could be worth £500 million a year — is due to be launched before Christmas and will have the backing of the Automobile Association and Royal & SunAlliance. Peter King, chief executive of The Car Group, said it would be the first attempt by retailers and financiers to break into a market worth more than £6 billion a year.

Motorists buying cars privately — as many do each day through magazines such as *Exchange & Mart*, *Auto Trader* and *Loot* — will be able to purchase a six or 12-month warranty for £110 to £150.

This will guarantee repairs for mechanical breakdowns. Vendors will have to fill in a form saying which parts of the car are in full working order. Royal & SunAlliance will underwrite the breakdown insurance. The AA will arbitrate in disputes about the state of the car when purchased.

The Car Group has just opened its second superstore, in Northampton, and has plans for three more to open in the next year.

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Maverick Mrs W White, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire
Probe C Evans, Ramsgate, Kent
Explorer Z Abolins, Lilbourne Road, Leicester
Galaxy GLX Mrs A Barnett, Goldenash Northampton
Escort Ghia J Evans, Walkington, Beverley
Mondeo Si V6 M Humpage, Blackpool, Lancashire
Fiesta Ghia 16v K Martin, Shooters Hill, London
Mondeo Verona Mrs K Brayn, London
Escort Ghia Cabriolet Mrs F Mansfield, London
Galaxy GLX R Jarvis, Lincoln
Scorpio Ultima 2.3 K Smart, Morecambe, Lancashire
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Now it's save till you drop

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

The consumer boom appears to be petering out before many of us even had a chance to enjoy it. Those economists who had been worrying about the inflationary impact of a nation hell-bent on a spending spree saw their fears begin to dissipate yesterday, with the publication of consumer credit figures well below their pessimistic expectations.

And it seems that all that summery excitement over soaring house prices might have been a touch exaggerated. The Halifax thinks so, trimming back its estimate of average increases for the year to just 6 per cent.

After years of the housing market being on hold while owner-occupiers sat tight unless circumstances left them no choice but to move, there was bound to be some catching up in prices but the level Halifax is now divining is hardly the stuff of which overnight fortunes are made. Increases need to be on a steeper slope if they are to bring a warm and wealthy feel to those who enjoy a weekend recce of the estate agents' windows.

Should we all then be congratulating the newly independent Bank of England, and its monetary policy committee, on having been so effective in bringing the consumer boom to a halt and thus preventing inflation from picking up speed?

Well, probably not. The MPC's succession of interest rate rises is unlikely by themselves to have reined in a nation of determined spendthrifts. What is more likely is that the extravagant inclinations that Chancellor Gordon Brown had a prim Scottish urge to see curbed, may have never been in danger of fuelling an inflationary spiral.

Throughout the recent months of blossoming retail sales statistics, the retailers themselves have insisted, rather dolefully, that customers were still being careful. The mood of price-consciousness that took root in the recession has remained in place for the recovery. What has swelled the figures is the £30 billion of windfalls that the demutualising insurers and building societies have showered on their followers. A proportion of that cash has been splurged on holidays and computers, but it has not been frittered away on fripperies.

Could it be that consumers have tuned into the realities? Politicians of both parties have accepted that the individual is going to have to make increasing financial provision for his or her own welfare in the future. The message may not have been trumpeted too loudly over the election but it is inescapably the case.

The evidence is that, whether they were genuine savers or astute carpet-baggers, those who have benefited from the windfalls are choosing to stash the cash away.

It is too soon to conclude that we have become a nation of savers, but the omens are encouraging, and they indicate that the MPC may not have needed to make the last turn of its interest rate ratchet, punishing business rather than the odd shopaholic.

Let punishment fit the crime

Ken Davy is clearly a man of deep insight and keen sensibilities. Yesterday he sensed the prevailing mood and decided to resign from the Personal Investment Authority. "I felt it was inappropriate for me to continue on the PIA board," he said.

Since the business he chairs has just been fined £425,000 by the PIA, you might conclude that Mr Davy was right. The fine, the biggest ever levied by the PIA, is a punishment for his organisation's laxity in dealing with the aftermath of the pensions mis-selling scandal.

Mr Davy's firm is not alone in its tardiness, as Helen Liddell, the battling Treasury Minister, has vigorously spelt out, but his case does highlight the difficulties inherent in self-regulation. For if the PIA board harbours individuals who do not appear to appreciate the need for speed in clearing up the personal pensions mess, can it be entirely surprising that the industry as a whole has demonstrated a level of ineffectiveness that has driven Ms Liddell to screaming pitch?

Until very recently, the financial services industry managed to convey the impression that it did not really accept responsibility for the way that hundreds of thousands of individuals were put at a financial disadvantage because of its avaricious activities. The PIA was pathetically ineffectual in persuading companies to offer speedy compensation. But now one must ask whether the presence of poachers on the game-keeping board must not, inevitably, colour attitudes.

Such a quandary will always bedevil self-regulation and high fines will not remove it. What, in any case, constitutes a high fine? Last week we saw SBC Warburg hit with a fine of £300,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority. Hardly the sort of sum to send a giant international investment bank begging for mercy.

The bank, rather like Mr Davy's firm, had been found guilty of not always safeguarding its clients's best interests above its own. What is an appropriate punishment in that instance? This is the question that the SFA is now examining and it seems it is looking at proposals that would see, perhaps, a tripling of the level of its fining structure. The fact is that even a quadrupling of its cash penalty would have been mere petty cash to SBC.

As Howard Davies works on the blueprint for the new super regulator, still known by the unimaginative name of Newro, what he needs to pay attention to is finding penalties that hurt.

Centrica's dream takes shape

Less than a year ago, hardly a day seemed to go by without fresh scorn being poured on British Gas. A popular whipping boy after the scandals over executive pay, British Gas did itself greater harm by threatening to disconnect thousands of paying customers and having too few engineers to cope with service contracts.

Put together with its take-or-pay obligations and the erosion of its domestic monopoly, the supply half of British Gas looked like a basket case. It could have broken a weaker management. But Roy Gardner, the chief executive of Centrica, British Gas Trading's parent, is made of sterner stuff. The former managing director of GEC-Marconi set about what seemed like an impossible dream. That was to make British Gas both a credible force and — dare we say it — likeable again.

The dream is taking shape. Centrica stands on the verge of becoming a national energy company once the market in household electricity opens and the company is so far the only household name that seems ready to enter the arena. It has imaginative designs on financial services which will rely on British Gas's repaired reputation.

Twelve months ago, the idea would have been laughable. But today, only 22 per cent of those who have been offered the chance of switching to another gas supplier have chosen to leave BG. That means there must be a huge number of satisfied customers out there. Whether they will snap up insurance from the gasman is another matter.

Boardroom links

THE role of non-executive directors is increasingly important but few chief executives like a boardroom peopled with strangers. So Michael Hepher's arrival at Kingfisher will be doubly popular with Sir Geoff Mulcahy. As a non-exec at BT, Sir Geoff would have seen Mr Hepher in action. Now Mr Hepher is at Charterhouse, the links are preserved for it was Charterhouse boss Victor Blank who played a crucial role in creating Kingfisher.

MFI jobs at risk in shake-up

MFI, the furniture retailer, is likely to shed about 1,000 jobs to become more efficient by streamlining its sales operations.

It is believed that MFI will reduce the number of warehouses attached to its shops. However, it will not sack people at its furniture manufacturing businesses, in which demand currently outstrips supply.

MFI yesterday refused to comment beyond saying that it will make a trading statement at its annual meeting on September 25.

Haynes up

Haynes Publishing, the car manual group, lifted pretax profits by 2 per cent, to £5.6 million, in the year to May 31. US operating profits rose 10 per cent, to £5.3 million, but UK and European operating profits fell 10 per cent, to £1.9 million. The year's dividend rises 2 per cent, to 10.5p, via a final down from 5.8p to 5.5p to cut the difference between interim and final.

Club's loss

Club Mediterranée, the French resort operator, saw a first-half loss of Fr414 million (£42 million) after restructuring charges of Fr630 million. It expects charges in the second half of the year to October 31, but less than in the first.

Forest in talks

Nottingham Forest, the football club planning to float on the AIM in the autumn, is still in talks with Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, about becoming a non-executive director. Tempus, page 30

More cash for investors hope by Burmah Castrol

By Carl Mortished

BURMAH CASTROL, the lubriants group, is seeking tax-efficient ways to return more cash to shareholders after an 11 per cent rise in first-half net profits, to £75 million, aided by strong growth in Asia and improved margins from industrial chemicals.

The company, which makes Castrol GTX motor oil, saw its profits, mainly earned overseas, cut by £10 million because of sterling's strength. At constant currencies, group after-tax profits were up 28 per cent, with earnings per share up 26 per cent, to 35.4p.

Burmah is paying a foreign income dividend (FID) of 27p at the halfway stage and reversing the normal weighting of the annual distribution so that two thirds of the total payout will in the first half. The move cuts Burmah's total tax charge from 39 per cent to 36 per cent and follows the Chancellor's decision to abolish FIDs in the last Budget. Protests from Burmah Castrol and other companies with big overseas earnings prompted the Government to review its policy. Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said: "We don't know what may come of it — we thought it prudent to lock in some dividend."

Positive cashflow has cutgearing to 18 per cent, and the interest bill is covered more than 16 times by profits. Brian Hardy, finance director, said the proper way to raise gearing was to invest in the business or return cash to shareholders. "We are working on returning cash to shareholders," he said. "We would seriously consider it if we could find a tax-efficient way."

Profits from lubricants rose 19 per cent on a constant currency basis, to £104 million, with volume up 6 per cent in spite of weak demand in continental Europe. Mr Fry said a $30 million investment in advertising in the US had lifted Castrol's market share to 16 per cent, taking the brand level with the rival Pennzoil.

Mr Fry said the financial crisis in Thailand was increasing bad debts, but he did not expect troubles in financial markets to be a problem for Castrol in Malaysia. Burmah's Thai business contributes a net £2.5 million to group earnings and the company expects no growth in the current year.

Burmah's industrial chemicals businesses lifted profits by 29 per cent, to £35 million at constant currencies, but turnover rose by only 2 per cent.

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ALAN WELLER

Brian Hardy, left, and Jonathan Fry saw profit rise

Miller Freeman pays £81m in America

By Eric Reguly

MILLER FREEMAN, the exhibitions arm of United News & Media, completed a spate of acquisitions yesterday with the $130 (£81 million) purchase of Telecom Library, an American organiser of trade shows in the technology sector. The purchase raises the value of acquisitions made by Miller Freeman to $1.2 billion in little more than a year.

Miller Freeman bought Telecom Library from the two American entrepreneurs who founded the New York company in the early 1980s. It specialises in the computer-telephony integration sector. The technology links phones and computer networks, allowing the integrated use of voice, data and text.

The deal marks the first, and probably last, big acquisition made by Tony Tillin, the former Emap business communications head who became Miller Freeman's chief executive last month. He said: "I don't think we'll be doing any more $100 million-plus deals from now on, though smaller in-fill purchases are likely. Organic development is now our focus."

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Bunzl to widen portfolio

By Oliver August

BUNZL will seek further acquisitions in the wake of surprisingly good interim results yesterday. The paper and packaging group, which has made a string of acquisitions this year, increased profits by 12 per cent, in spite of exchange rate problems.

Anthony Habgood, chairman, is looking for companies that fit Bunzl's portfolio of disposables, filters and plastics.

Fine paper, Bunzl's fourth division, is being downgraded. European fine paper operations have been sold over the last few months, leaving only the UK operations. Mr Habgood said the UK business would not be sold because it did not share the problems of the Continental businesses.

Pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 rose from £55.8 million to £62.4 million. Earnings per share went up from 8.1p to 9p. The interim dividend, due January 2, was lifted by 10 per cent, to 2.3p. Net cash rose from £22.8 million to £39.3 million.

Sales growth of 3 per cent in a flat market was knocked down 2 per cent by price deflation. The strong pound decreased sales and profits by 6 per cent.

Mr Habgood said: "The currency translation impact seen in the first half should be greatly ameliorated in the second half, if the dollar remains at its current level. Price comparisons in the second half should also be less unfavourable, although the outlook for UK fine paper prices remains uncertain."

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Bluebird Toys finds answer to US distribution

By Dominic Walsh

CHRIS BURGIN, chief executive of Bluebird Toys, claimed yesterday that the company had resolved the US distribution problems which prompted a profits warning in May.

He said that Mattel, the US toy company which distributes Bluebird products such as Polly Pocket and the Disney Tiny Collection outside the UK, had recognised the problem and appointed a new marketing team to revitalise US distribution.

Bluebird is also hoping to boost its UK performance with Micro Pet, a Tamagotchi-style electronic pet, for which it has just taken on the UK distribution rights.

Bluebird's share price, down a penny to 92½p yesterday in the wake of its interim results, plunged by 62½p in the wake of the May profits warning, reviving takeover speculation involving Hasbro, the US toy manufacturer, which holds a 6.7 per cent stake. However, Mr Burgin was adamant he had received no approaches.

In the first half of 1997 pretax profits slumped from £3.1 million to £1.9 million on turnover down from £23.5 million to £18.8 million. While the US was a major factor, UK sales dipped from £8.7 million to just over £7 million as retailers continued the recent trend towards taking delivery of products ever closer to the crucial Christmas trading period.

Over the past 18 months Blubird has returned £15.7 million of cash to shareholders and Mr Burgin said that further share buybacks were a possibility. Earnings per share dropped from 4.5p to 3.1p, and the interim dividend, payable on November 14, remains unchanged at 2.25p.

Plasmon founder quits in shake-up

By Fraser Nelson

PETER HELFET, the founder and chief executive of Plasmon, has resigned from the company as part of a big shake-up involving its retreat from the recordable CD discs market at a cost of £6 million.

Mr Helfet, whose pay doubled to £187,000 last year, is likely to receive the same again in compensation. He will be succeeded by Nigel Street, finance director, who will oversee the restructuring, which involves the loss of 70 jobs at its factory in Melbourn, near Cambridge.

Barrie Morgans, its chairman, blamed the downturn on the price collapse of CD-R discs, which can record dense information that cannot be wiped off. Oversupply has left the discs selling at 62p apiece, he said, eliminating chances that it will profit from a planned expansion into the market.

The company is expected to plunge into the red with a £2.5 million loss this year (£1.86 million profit). Its shares moved up 5p to 47½p. They were placed on the market at 175p apiece last summer.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Traders' warning despite strong performance

THE London stock market put up a staunch performance in the face of Friday's losses on Wall Street and another sell-off overnight in Hong Kong. The FTSE 100 index closed near its best of the day with a leap of 52.7 points to 4,870.2, while government securities sported gains of up to £¼.

But the message from traders rang out clearly to clients — don't trust it.

With Wall Street and the troubled Malaysian market closed, the London market was able to take matters in its stride. That picture may change when trading on Wall Street resumes today.

Conditions generally in London were quiet. Fewer than than 500 million shares had changed hands by the close. Dealers attributed much of yesterday's gain to the strong showing by the financial future.

The recent turbulence on Wall Street and in the Far East has tempted investors to buy the "put" in anticipation that the market has further to fall. They may have now have hedged their positions by buying the cash market. Sentiment was bolstered early on by the weaker than expected money supply and consumer credit numbers, indicating that the recent rises in interest rates may be having the desired effect on the economy.

Further heavy turnover was recorded again in **Asda**, 1p firmer at 145¾p, where almost 20 million shares changed hands as a large line of stock went through the market. A line of 13.85 million shares went through at 144p. On Friday, three separate lines of nine million shares and a further line of 4.25 million went through at 146½p. Total turnover yesterday reached 23.09 million shares.

Dixons firmed 11½p to 662½p before Thursday's annual meeting. The company is likely to indicate that it continues to enjoy the benefits of the building society windfalls.

GEC rose 12p to 393½p ahead of Friday's annual meeting. Speculation is mounting that Roger Hurn, the former Smiths Industries head, is set to replace Lord Prior as chairman.

British Aerospace, up 16p at £14.60, received a helping hand from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, which are both recommending the shares. A recommendation from HSBC James Capel also put 24p on **GKN** at £12.08.

ROBIN MAYES

David Shipman, finance director of Lavendon, left, and David Price, chairman, saw the group's share price fall

The turmoil in the Far East continued to weigh heavily, with **HSBC**, down 10p at £19.10. Credit Lyonnais Laing has joined the growing queue of brokers starting to take a cautious view of prospects at the bank. But **Bank of Scotland** put on 7½p at 423½p as NatWest Securities raised its forecast for the current year from £688 million to £746 million. It has also raised its estimate for next year from £716 million to £765 million.

Psion was a nervous market falling 28p to 339½p before interim figures on Thursday. Only last month the group announced production problems with its new series 5 hand-held computer. Delays in deliveries stretched to three weeks. Brokers may be forced to cut their numbers if the group fails to resolve the problem.

News of an oil find lifted **Lasmo** 7½p to 266½p. The find is at the 402a block in the Ghademes Basin in Algeria where it holds a 13.75 per cent stake. The group is now testing to see if the find is connected with a similar one in a block near by. Australia's Broken Hill Proprietary is the principle partner in the venture.

George Wimpey, which unveils figures today, slipped 3p to 130p. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of between £10 million and £20 million, compared with a deficit last time of £8.7 million.

The prospect of more disposals lifted **Williams Holdings** 8p to 356½p. Reports over the weekend claimed that it had put its home improvements division, which includes the Polyfilla and Polycell brand names, up for sale.

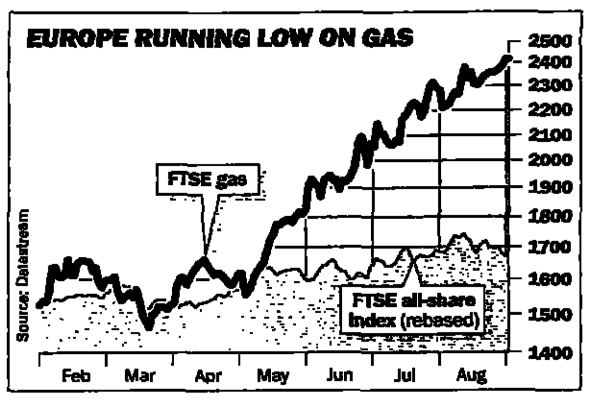
Reaching for the skies was not an option open for shareholders of **Lavendon Group** as the price fell 3p to 254½p in spite of reporting a near 60 per cent increase in half-year profits. David Price, chairman, is optimistic about the future. He says that the group is capable of achieving in Britain the penetration for powered access equipment already seen in America.

Petra Diamonds ended 4p better at 113½p after raising £4.5 million via a placing of 4.3 million share at 105p. The proceeds will be used to acquire and develop eight concessions in Angola. The Petra share prices has been dogged recently be persistent bear selling.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices in the London bond market drew strength from the weaker than expected money supply and consumer credit numbers. But trading conditions proved pitifully thin, with institutional investors clearly in no rush to open fresh positions.

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt put on £¹¹⁄₃₂ at £114²⁷⁄₃₂ with just 17,500 contracts traded. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £¹³⁄₃₂ to £110⁹⁄₃₂, while among shorter dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up £¹⁄₁₆ at £102²³⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street was closed for Labor Day.



EUROPE is in urgent need of gas. Centrica, up 3p at 91¾p, has what Europe wants — lots of gas — and that should provide a useful boost to the company's fortunes in the years ahead. At least, that is the view of Liz Butler at Panmure Gordon, the broker, who thinks that Centrica can start to attract increased support for its shares after the demerger with BG in February.

While the income funds have been piling into BG, down 5½p at 264½p, on the back of its strong yield, Centrica has found the going sluggish. Panmure has set a target price of between 120p and 160p encouraged by the prospect of a pick-up in demand for gas sales.

"Europe is predicted to go into gas deficit by the year 2001" says Butler.

She says the Europeans will be reluctant to buy Russian gas.

"The more the politicians worry about the environment, the more you will see gas come in as the fuel of choice. Centrica has plenty of gas and Europe will want more of it in five years time," she adds.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... Closed
S&P Composite .... —

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 17974.30 (-255.12)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 13425.65 (-709.60)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 881.92 (+13.63)

Sydney:
AO .... 2590.8 (-2.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 3989.69 (+83.93)

Singapore:
Straits .... 1786.44 (-19.30)

Brussels:
General .... 12261.39 (+146.90)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2805.84 (+35.35)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1142.0 (+7.20)

London:
FT 30 .... 3124.1 (+22.1)
FTSE 100 .... 4870.2 (+52.7)
FTSE 250 .... 4610.2 (+6.8)
FTSE 350 .... 2349.1 (+21.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2523.72 (+5.51)
FTSE All-Share .... 2296.0 (+19.28)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2330.96 (+21.10)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 125.72 (-0.16)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 97.01 (+0.38)
Bargains 40844
SEAQ Volume 492.0m
US$ .... 1.6125 (-0.0090)
German Mark .... 2.9206 (+0.0003)
Exchange Index .... 102.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.4812
£:SDR 1.1901
RPI .... 157.5 Jul (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 156.4 Jul (3.0%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Antofgsta Cv Uts	402½		...
Bristol & West Prf	108½	+	¼
Cammell Laird	136		...
EMI B	115		...
Fairfield Ents	117½		...
GR Holdings	55		...
Galen Holdings	240½	+	1
Helicon Pubslg	92½	−	4
Ionica Group	337	−	3
Kingfisher Leisure	175½		...
Landround	92½		...
Reabourne Merlin	108		...
SBS Group	110½		...
Severn Trent B	33½		...
Stentor Warrants	49		...
Style Holdings	85		...
Thorn B	20½		...
Viglen Technology	62	−	1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dixon Mtrs n/p (235)	32½	+	3½
Golden Land n/p (21)	2		...
Logica n/p (605)	162½		...
Pendragon n/p (265)	6	+	2½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Reliance Sec .... 120p (+12p)
RPS Group .... 216½p (+13p)
Evans Halshaw .... 291p (+16p)
Smithkline .... 559p (+23½p)
Photobition .... 690p (+27½p)
Hanson .... 306p (+10p)
GEC .... 393½p (+12p)
Shield Diag .... 575p (+17½p)
Sun Life & p .... 400p (+12p)
Ranger .... 596½p (+17p)
Next .... 758p (+16p)
Kingfisher .... 739p (+14p)
Reed Int .... 556p (+10p)
Carlton Comm .... 500p (+9p)
Br Petroleum .... 877½p (+15p)
AB Food .... 527p (+8p)
Tesco .... 418p (+9p)
Marks Spencer .... 599½p (+14p)

FALLS:
Psion .... 339½p (-28p)
Jardine Math .... 414p (-26¾p)
Compass Gp .... 603p (-12½p)
Impala Plat .... 675p (-12½p)

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TEMPUS

Lack of focus at United

IT IS one thing to be a conglomerate, but quite another to be second rate. United News & Media suffers from being number three in the ITV market and a small player in regional newspapers. Alongside its national *Express* titles, which struggle to keep pace with the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday*, it has a wholesale money-broking business which, although profitable, is difficult to build on.

Still, United has made good progress in one area — business services. Exhibitions and related conferences and magazines have become United's biggest division and the industry's largest player. After a series of acquisitions, including Blenheim, cost savings are starting to convert into profits and the business offers plenty of scope to expand geographically and into new markets. The challenge is to overhaul the rest of the group.

Newspapers would be a good place to start. Having ceased spending money on regional titles, United should sell them. The fate of the national papers is not so simple; the *Express* titles are far from dead, but will require huge investment if they are to take sales from the *Mail*. Without investment, the titles will lose ground, leaving United with the only option of selling to a proprietor with a large purse and ego to match — the Barclay brothers spring to mind. In television, United may not be the leader, but at least it has a seat at the table as the ITV market consolidates.

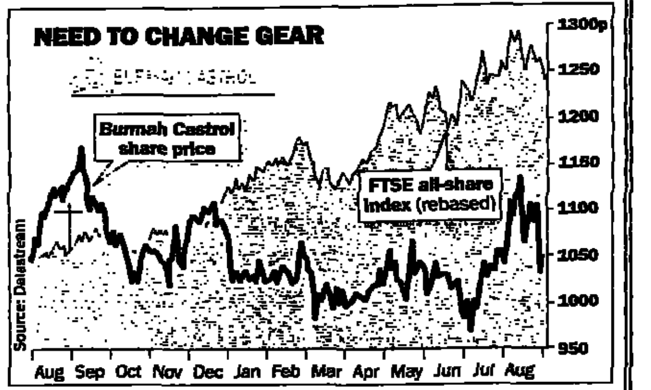
Because of its lack of focus, United remains one of the cheaper stocks in the sector. The progress made in business services indicates that the problem is being addressed, but more signs of a strategy shift are needed to change the share rating.

Burmah Castrol

BURMAH CASTROL salesmen pulled out all the stops in the first half, selling 6 per cent more motor oil, proof that clever marketing can deliver growth even in the dullest markets of the developed world. Burmah has its foot in the door of Volkswagen in France, previously the fiefdom of a French oil company, and is now level-pegging with Pennzoil in the US, gaining market share.

There is little you can teach Burmah about selling brands but, beyond the tooth-and-claw aggression of the troops in the trenches, Burmah's financial strategy lacks punch. The huge margins and low capital expenditure requirement of the motor oil business mean that Burmah produces more cash than it needs to invest in the business. Balance sheet gearing has fallen to 18 per cent but the figure is in reality much lower as Burmah has written off big sums in goodwill from acquisitions. Burmah could reduce interest cover to half the current level of 16 times without much financial risk.

Instead, Burmah pussyfoots about the need for a tax-efficient method of returning funds to shareholders. Burmah's hesitation may have something to do with arguments over the future of the foreign income dividend. But with or without a tax bill, Burmah cannot justify such low gearing when underlying earnings are growing at 26 per cent. This stock is cheap but will not remain so for long.



Bunzl

BUNZL's long-term acquisition strategy, the brain-child of Anthony Habgood, Bunzl's chairman, has proved successful. Yesterday's interim results showed both the health of existing operations and the potential for further deals. Almost half the businesses in Bunzl's portfolio were jettisoned over six years, with the fine paper business the last to go. Cash from disposals helped Binzl to buy businesses in North America, pushing up net margins. Over five years to 1996, the return on sales has risen from 2.6 per cent to 6.4 per cent.

The interim results show considerable room for activity. Gearing will shoot up from 1 per cent to 62 per cent after the acquisitions announced so far in the second half. But this should not worry investors, who have seen a steady rise in return on capital from 12 per cent to 28 per cent over the past five years. The recent deals bring one headache, however. Shareholders of American Filtrona, the cigarette filter-maker, are expected to approve the Bunzl takeover on September 23 and Mr Habgood, a non-smoker, is denying any knock-on effect from the recent compensation agreed by the American tobacco industry. The package does not involve Bunzl and is no reason to sell the shares, but it points to a long-term sales decline.

Nottingham Forest

SOCCER hype is back. Nottingham Forest has become the first club of the new season to announce its float plans, heading for AIM with a price tag of up to £40 million.

But what is there in Forest to justify such a price? The club was only rescued in the spring through an injection of £16 million by a team led by Nigel Wray, of Burford and Trocadero fame. And since then the most significant event has been the club's relegation from the Premiership into the significantly less lucrative First Division.

Admittedly, Forest will be coming to market on the back of a run that has seen the team win their first six games of the season and Forest is a favourite for promotion. Phil Soar, the new chief executive, has installed some much needed commercial management.

But is there anything in Forest to justify a valuation three times last year's turnover and ten times net assets? This is a large club, but it is not in the same league — metaphorically or actually — as the likes of Aston Villa, or Manchester United. The Forest management team will have to work hard to justify the price tag and investors must pray for the success which eluded the club last season.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1121-1117	Dec	1218-1216
Dec	1155-1154	Mar	1230-1229
Mar	1171-1169	May	1243-1240
May	1182-1181	Jul	1260-1250
Jul	1197-1196		
Sep	1211-1207	Volume: 2539	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1580 SLR	May	1614 SLR
Nov	1607 BID	Jul	1614 SLR
Jan	unq	Sep	1614 SLR
Mar	1612 SLR	Volume: 2480	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	327.7-27.4
Spot: 349.3		Aug	326.9-26.0
Oct	328.9-28.5	Oct	322.4-21.4
Dec	327.0-26.5	Dec	322.4-20.4
Mar	329.4-28.5	Volume: 988	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.74	114.09	100.74
(+/-)	+16.36	+2.05	+0.28
Eng/Wales:	80.74	114.27	100.62
(+/-)	+16.36	+2.46	n/c
(%)	+91.0	+44.0	+34.0
Scotland:	unq	113.00	102.56
(+/-)	...	-0.22	+3.69
(%)	...	+21.0	-7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.50	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Nov)	18.65	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	Close	...
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	...	...

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	210 (+1)	213 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	162 (-1)	163 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (n/c)	93 (-1)
Naphtha	182 (-1)	185 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	163.75-64.00	Dec	169.25-69.75
Oct	165.75 SLR	Jan	170.50-70.75
Nov	167.50-68.00	Vol: 10335	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	18.42-18.43	Jan	n/a
Nov	n/a	Feb	n/a
Dec	18.71 SLR	Vol. 13095	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	85.30
Nov	86.75
Jan	88.75
Mar	90.75
May	92.75
Volume: 223	

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	79.50
Nov	82.00
Jan	84.00
Mar	86.00
May	87.25
Volume: 26	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.0
Mar	...	94.0
Apr	114.0	112.0
Volume: 85		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Sep 60.00-60.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 97	1425	1410	1410
Oct 97	1515	1515	1510
Nov 97	unq	—	1525
Jan 98	—	—	1510
Vol: 14 lots		Open interest: 2988	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2177.0-2178.0	2178.0-2179.0	1637925
Lead ($/tonne)	637.00-637.50	650.00-651.00	203175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1628.0-1630.0	1488.0-1489.0	575325
Tin ($/tonne)	5375.0-5385.0	5410.0-5415.0	11945
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1598.0-1599.0	1620.0-1621.0	2144650
Nickel ($/tonne)	6580.0-6585.0	6680.0-6685.0	86682

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	460	20	37½	45½	11	26½	30½
(*470½)	500	9	19	28	32	49½	53½
ASDA	140	9	14	16½	3½	5½	7
(*146)	160	1	5	8	15½	16½	18
Boots	750	57	80½	—	9	25	—
(*798½)	800	30	56	70½	25	42	46½
Br Airways	650	27½	49	63½	21½	35½	39½
(*652)	700	9½	29	41	52½	64	67½
BP	850	48½	71	87½	16	31	36½
(*877½)	900	23	45	62½	39	54½	59½
Br Steel	160	17½	21	26	2	7	8½
(*174½)	180	5½	10	15½	10	16	17½
C & W	500	52	67	80½	8	17½	22½
(*539½)	550	22½	39	53½	26	37½	44
CU	700	63½	98	107½	14	34½	43
(*748½)	750	37½	70	80½	34	56½	66
ICI	1000	44	79	91½	32½	49½	66
(*1001)	1050	23½	55	72	61	76½	93
Land Sec	850	61	80	97½	6½	16	21½
(*899)	900	26½	49	66½	25	34½	40½
M & S	550	57	69	81½	3	11	14½
(*599½)	600	22	37½	50	18	28	33½
Nat West	750	67½	102	117½	19½	41	55½
(*793½)	800	39	75½	91	39	62	79
Safeway plc	360	25	35½	43	5	12	15½
(*378½)	390	9	19½	27½	18	26½	30
Sainsbury	420	24	36	45½	10	16½	21
(*433½)	460	7	17½	26	31	38	42
Shell	417	20½	35	—	12½	22	—
(*420½)	433	12½	27	—	21	29½	—
Smkl Bch	550	33	54	67	15½	29½	39
(*561½)	575	21	41½	54½	28	41	51
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	100	169	213	50	85	97½
(*1996)	2000	52	116	160	97	130½	145
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	500	37½	58½	67½	14	24½	35
(*519)	550	15	35	44	40½	50½	61½
Vodafone	300	22	31½	39	6½	13	16½
(*313½)	330	7	17½	24	22	28½	31½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	550	40	58	68½	17	25	31
(*567½)	600	17	33½	45	43½	51	57
Ladbroke	260	17	24	28	13	15	19
(*262½)	280	10	16	19½	25	26½	30½
Utd Bisc	200	12½	19	21	6½	8½	11
(*206½)	220	4	10	12	18½	19	22½

August 01, 1997 Tot: 37896 Call: 18896 Put: 19000 FTSE Call: 6161 Put: 4317
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	550	23½	39	48½	15	24½	27
(*554½)	600	5	18	26	48	53½	55½
Thames W	750	59½	76	90	8	20	25
(*796)	800	28½	50½	61½	25½	40½	46½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	220	15½	23½	26½	13½	17	20
(*223)	240	7½	15½	18½	26	29	32
Br Aero	1450	73½	113½	140	51	67	81½
(*1459½)	1500	51	87	113	78	92	105½
Br Telcm	385	36	41½	—	13	26	—
(*402½)	425	17½	21½	—	33½	48	—
Cadbury	550	41	56½	63½	14½	20	28½
(*575)	600	16	31	38½	38½	45	53½
Guinness	500	59½	67½	75	8	12	17
(*549)	550	26½	35½	45	26½	28½	36½
GEC	390	22½	32½	42	13½	21	25
(*392½)	420	10½	18½	28½	31½	37½	41½
Hanson	300	16½	26	31½	13	17	22
(*304)	330	5½	13½	18½	32½	35	39½
LASMO	260	19½	27½	30½	8	13	15½
(*266½)	280	10	18	21	18½	23	26
LucasVarity	180	22½	27½	32	3½	5½	7
(*198)	200	10½	16	21	11	13½	15
Pilkingtn	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*146½)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prudential	600	45½	65	77½	25	35½	46½
(*619)	650	23	42	54	53	62½	73
Redland	280	20½	28	34	9½	16	21½
(*288½)	300	10½	18½	25	20½	26½	32½
R-Royce	220	24½	32	38½	7	10	13
(*235½)	240	13	21½	28½	15	19½	22
Tesco	390	36½	48	57	7½	13	17
(*418)	420	19	31½	41	19½	24½	30
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4872)

	4750	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000
Calls						
Sep	203	166½	132	103½	77½	56½
Oct	262½	228½	198½	169½	140½	119½
Nov	318	287½	258½	229½	200½	176½
Dec	356½	326½	296½	267½	237	214½
Jun	—	485½	—	425½	—	374
Puts						
Sep	49½	63	81	103	129½	162
Oct	92½	108½	130	153	177½	207½
Nov	129	149	169½	191	213½	241
Dec	150	170½	191	212	234½	262½
Jun	—	257½	—	297	—	346

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Abby Nat	800	57½	93	105½	22	40½	53
(*833½)	850	31	68	78½	45	65	76½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1400	88½	151½	174	42½	82½	101
(*1433½)	1450	63	126½	148½	66½	107	125
Natl Pwr	550	36½	52½	63½	13	22½	27
(*571)	600	12½	30	39	38	46½	52½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	1250	59	103½	126	41½	66	84½
(*1256)	1300	37½	77½	100½	69	90½	110
HSBC	1900	99½	174	220½	68½	119½	152
(*1917)	2000	56	125½	171½	123½	168½	200
Reuter	600	41	63	74½	11	23	34
(*623½)	650	17	38½	49	35½	48	58½
Royal & Sun	500	27	47½	55	17	29	36½
(*508½)	550	8½	25	32½	47½	57½	64
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Blue Circ	360	26	47½	52	7½	10½	16
(*380½)	390	19	31	35	19½	22	29
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Kingfishr	700	60½	77	89½	17	26	31½
(*739)	750	34	50	62	36	45½	53½
	Series	Jan			Jan		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons	650	21	53	66½	12½	32	39
(*662)	700	3	30½	43	42	59½	63½
EMI Group	548	22	45½	58½	10	25½	32
(*557)	575	10	32	44½	25	39	45
Tarmac	110	10	13	16½	0	3½	4½
(*119)	120	3½	7½	11½	3	8	9
Hillsdwn	160	5½	—	—	2	—	—
(*162)	180	0½	—	—	18	—	—
Lonrho	120	7	11	14½	1½	4½	7
(*124)	130	2	6	9½	7	9½	12½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	280	15	25	30	2	8	10
(*293)	300	3	14	19½	10½	16	19
Lloyds TSB	700	50½	86	103½	8	31	40
(*741½)	750	20½	59	78	27½	54	63½
Scot Pwr	420	32	48½	54½	1½	11½	15½
(*448)	460	8½	26½	32½	16	27½	31½
Unilever	1700	47½	115½	155	26	72½	88
(*1720½)	1800	9	70½	107½	86	125½	139

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	114-16	114-27	114-11	114-27	17729
Previous open interest 200825	Dec 97	114-06	114-16	114-01	114-16	11311
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.18	102.39	102.12	102.33	73801
Previous open interest 290044	*Dec 97*	*101.26*	*101.50*	*101.22*	*101.44*	*32542*
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	135.55	136.60	135.53	136.40	42793
Previous open interest 114314	Dec 97	107.80	108.65	107.73	108.48	16394
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	127.71	127.84	127.71	127.84	2482
	Dec 97	126.98	127.13	126.98	127.12	1995
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.68	92.71	92.67	92.70	8115
	Dec 97	92.50	92.55	92.48	92.54	18423
Previous open interest 666288	Mar 98	92.45	92.51	92.44	92.50	7677
Three Mth Euromark	*Sep 97*	96.65	96.67	96.65	96.66	9626
Previous open interest 1671873	Dec 97	96.45	96.46	96.44	96.45	12930
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.21	93.22	93.20	93.22	4237
Previous open interest 391485	Dec 97	93.53	93.56	93.52	93.55	6309
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.42	0
	Mar 98				99.36	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.54	98.57	98.54	98.56	5165
Previous open interest 165050	Dec 97	98.28	98.34	98.28	98.32	6404
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.61	95.61	95.61	95.62	91
Previous open interest 40110	Dec 97	95.50	95.52	95.50	95.52	56
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4827.0	4921.0	4792.0	4900.0	8158
Previous open interest 79139	Dec 97	4874.0	4962.0	4855.0	4960.0	1620

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 7¹⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7¹⁄₁₆ : 3 mth 7¹⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 6¹⁵⁄₁₆ : 3 mth: 6¹⁵⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₃₂-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-7	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	7³⁄₃₂-7¹⁄₃₂	7⁵⁄₃₂-7³⁄₃₂	7¼-7³⁄₁₆	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⅜	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁷⁄₃₂
Interbank:	7⅛-7¹⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7¼-7³⁄₁₆	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⅜	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁷⁄₃₂
Overnight: open 7¹⁄₁₆, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	7¹⁄₁₆	n/a	7³⁄₁₆	7⅜	7½
Sterling CDs:	7⅛-7³⁄₃₂	7⁵⁄₃₂-7⅛	7¼-7³⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₃₂-7⅜	7⅝-7¹⁹⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	5.56	n/a	5.60	5.75	5.95
Building Society CDs:	7⅛-7³⁄₃₂	7⁵⁄₃₂-7⅛	7¼-7⁷⁄₃₂	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⅜	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁹⁄₃₂

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5²¹⁄₃₂-5⁹⁄₁₆	5²¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆	5²³⁄₃₂-⁵⁄₈	5⅞-¾	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	3¹⁄₁₆-2⁷⁄₈	3³⁄₃₂-3¹⁄₃₂	3⅛-3	3⁹⁄₃₂-3⁵⁄₃₂	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⁵⁄₃₂-3¹⁄₁₆	3⁷⁄₃₂-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1¹³⁄₃₂-1¹¹⁄₃₂	1⅛-1	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1½-¾
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $324.20-324.50 **Close:** $324.30-324.80 **High:** $324.30-324.80
Low: $323.75-324.25 **AM:** $324.40 **PM:** $324.50

Krugerrand: $324.00-326.00 (£300.75-202.75)

Platinum: $409.00 (£253.70) **Silver:** $4.67 (£2.895) **Palladium:** $187.00 (£116.0)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2827-3.2953	3.2885-3.2905	1¼-1pr	3½-3pr
Brussels	60.170-60.430	60.299-60.327	20-15pr	57-51pr
Copenhagen	11.103-11.144	11.121-11.128	⅛-⅜pr	⅝-⅜pr
Dublin	1.0830-1.0922	1.0830-1.0863	11-5pr	29-23pr
Frankfurt	2.9154-2.9255	2.9202-2.9223	1¼-1pr	2⅞-2¾pr
Lisbon	295.27-296.71	295.87-296.13	⅝-⅜pr	1½-1¼pr
Madrid	245.76-246.92	246.21-246.33	41-31pr	127-109pr
Milan	2844.1-2859.9	2848.9-2850.4	15pr-1ds	41-19pr
Montreal	2.2326-2.2414	2.2370-2.2385	0.71-0.65pr	1.41-1.33pr
New York	1.6088-1.6146	1.6125-1.6130	0.21-0.19pr	0.633-0.602pr
Oslo	12.076-12.101	12.087-12.096	⅝-⅛pr	1-⅝pr
Paris	9.8110-9.8510	9.8301-9.8348	3¼-3pr	9½-9¼pr
Stockholm	12.671-12.747	12.691-12.707	⅝-¼pr	1-⅜pr
Tokyo	194.37-195.02	194.85-195.02	1¼-1pr	3¼-3¼pr
Vienna	20.499-20.593	20.550-20.566	⅛-⅝pr	2-1¾pr
Zurich	2.4025-2.4087	2.4047-2.4071	1½-1¼pr	3½-3⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3672-1.3681
Austria	12.72-12.73
Belgium (Com)	37.32-37.33
Canada	1.3875-1.3885
Denmark	68840-6.8860
France	*6.0842-6.0852*
Germany	1.8082-1.8087
Hong Kong	7.7490-7.7500
Ireland	1.4858-1.4898
Italy	1764.30-1764.80
Japan	120.78-120.83
Malaysia	2.9465-2.9535
Netherlands	2.0360-2.0365
Norway	7.4838-7.4858
Portugal	183.18-183.28
Singapore	1.5180-1.5210
Spain	152.38-152.48
Sweden	7.8589-7.8664
Switzerland	1.4894-1.4904

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6117-1.6144
Australia dollar	2.2045-2.2074
Bahrain dinar	0.5995-0.6135
*Brazil real**	*1.7503-1.7547*
China yuan	13.181-13.481
Cyprus pound	0.8495-0.8685
Finland markka	8.7225-8.8635
Greece drachma	453.75-464.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4945-12.5039
India rupee	58.00-59.30
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4850-0.4960
Malaysia ringgit	4.7509-4.7652
New Zealand dollar	2.5386-2.5414
Pakistan rupee	*63.60 Buy*
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7875-5.9225
Singapore dollar	2.4478-2.4534
S Africa rand (com)	7.4820-7.6510
U A E dirham	5.8400-5.9760

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FTSE VOLUMES

3i	219	*Ladbroke*	4,700
ASDA Gp	23,100	Land Secs	637
Abbey Ntl	1,600	Legal & Gn	1,400
Allnce & Leic	854	Lloyds TSB	3,800
Allied Dom	573	LucasVarity	2,400
AB Foods	357	Marks Spr	2,300
BAA	997	Mercury Ast	562
BAT Inds	1,200	NatWst Bk	2,400
BG	8,500	Nat Grid	5,700
BOC	2,400	Nat Power	4,700
BP	4,200	Next	1,000
BSkyB	2,300	*Orange*	3,100
BTR	13,900	P & O	685
BT	20,400	Pearson	804
Bk of Scot	1,100	PowerGen	1,500
Barclays	3,200	Prudential	2,700
Bass	174	RMC	296
Blue Circle	4,300	Railtrack	933
Boots	1,400	Rank Group	370
BAe	203	Reckitt Col	466
BA	1,500	Reed Intl	841
British Land	1,700	Rentokil	1,500
Brit Steel	694	Reuters	1,600
Burmah Cstl	1,600	Rio Tinto	2,200
Cable Wire	3,800	Rolls Royce	450
Cadbury	501	Royal & Sun	2,900
Carlton Cms	1,200	Royal Bk Scr	449
Centrica	5,900	Safeway	2,100
Cm Union	485	Sainsbury	2,900
Dixons	1,600	Schroders	404
EMI	1,800	Scot & New	262
Energy Gp	2,100	Scot Power	1,800
Enterpr Oil	531	Svrn Trent	337
GKN	1,000	Shell Trans	6,900
GRE	801	Siebe	528
GUS	683	SmKl Bch	6,200
Gen Acc	508	Smiths Inds	179
Gen Elec	5,000	Std Chartd	4,300
Glaxo Well	3,500	TI Gp	553
Granada	498	Tate & Lyle	611
Grand Met	3,800	Tesco	1,700
Guinness	2,400	Thames W	157
HSBC	5,000	Tomkins	5,600
Halifax	2,600	Unilever	1,300
Hanson	2,100	Utd Utilities	626
Hays	952	Utd News	380
ICI	747	Vodafone	3,200
Imp Tob	127	Whitbread	163
Kingfisher	220	Wolseley	2,600
LASMO	2,300	Zeneca	1,100

WALL STREET

	Aug 29 close	Aug 28 close
AMP Inc	50	50¼
AMR Corp	100⅝	102⅛
AT & T	39	39¼
Abbott Labs	59⅞	59⅝
Advanced Micro	37⅞	38⅛
Aetna Life	95⅞	96⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	50½	51
Air Prod & Chem	81½	81⅞
AirTouch Comm	33⅞	33¼
Albertson's	34¼	34¼
Alcan Aluminm	34⅞	35⅛
Allied Signal	82⅛	83⅛
Alum Co of Am	82¼	84⅛
Amerada Hess	58½	58⅛
Amer El Power	43⅞	43⅞
Amer Express	77½	78⅛
Amer Genl Corp	48⅝	47¼
Amer Home Pr	73	71¼
Amer Intl	94½	95½
Amer Stores	23⅞	23¼
Amer Standard	47	48
Ameritech	62⅞	62⅞
Amgen	49⅞	48½
Amoco	94⅞	95½
Andrew Corp	24¼	24⅞
Anheuser-Busch	42¼	42⅞
Apple Computer	21¼	22
Archer Daniels	21½	21⅞
Armco	5⅞	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	68⅛	68⅞
Asarco	30¼	31½
Atl Richfield	75	75½
Atmel Corp	35½	35¼
Auto Data Pro	45⅞	45⅞
Avery Dennison	41⅛	41⅛
Avon Products	64⅛	64¼
Baker Hughes	42½	42⅛
Baltim Gas & El	27	27⅞
Banc One	53½	53⅞
BankAmerica	65⅞	66⅛
Bank of NY	44½	44⅞
Bankers Tr NY	103⅛	102⅛
Barnett Banks	68¼	54⅞
Bausch & Lomb	41⅛	41⅞
Baxter Intl	53⅞	54⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	47⅞	48⅛
Bell Atlantic	72½	73⅞
BellSouth	44	44½
Black & Decker	38⅛	41¼
Block (H&R)	39⅞	39¼
Boeing	54⅞	55⅛
Boise Cascade	39⅞	40½
Boston Scien	70½	71½
Bristol Myrs Sq	76	75⅞
Browning Ferris	34⅞	34⅞
Brunswick	30¼	31
Burlington Nthn	91⅞	92⅛
CMS Energy Corp	35⅞	35⅞
CPC Intl	89¼	89⅞
CSX	57⅛	57⅞
Campbell Soup	46½	47⅛
Carolina Pwr	33¼	33⅞
Case Corp	67⅛	67¼
Caterpillar	58⅞	57⅞
Central & SW	20⅞	20⅛
Champion Intl	59⅞	60⅛
Chase Manhat	111⅞	112⅛
Chevron Corp	77⅛	79⅛
Chrysler	35¼	35½
Chubb Corp	66½	65¼
Cigna Corp	183¼	182½
Citicorp	127½	128¼
Clorox	131¼	131⅞
Coastal Corp	57¼	57½
Coca Cola	57⅞	58¼
Coca Cola Ent	27¼	27⅞
Colgate-Palm	62¼	63⅛
Columbia Gas	66	65⅛
ColumbiaHCA	31⅞	31⅞
Compaq Comp	65¼	64½
Comp Ass Intl	66½	65
Conagra	64⅛	64⅞
Cons Edisn	30½	30⅞
Cons Nat Gas	59⅞	58⅛
Cooper Inds	53⅞	53¼
Corestates	61¼	60¼
Corning Inc	52¼	53½
C'wide Credit	33⅞	33¼
Crestar Finl	44⅞	42⅛
Crown Cork	50½	50⅞
Dana Corp	46⅛	46¼
Dayton Hudson	57	57⅛
Deere	56	55¼
Delta Air Lines	86¼	86
Deluxe Corp	32⅞	33
Digital Equip	43	42½
Dillard Dept St	40	39⅞
Disney (Walt)	76⅞	77⅛
Dominion Res	36	36¼
Donelley (RR)	38⅞	38⅞
Dover Corp	69⅞	68⅛
Dow Chemical	88¼	88⅞
Dow Jones	42⅞	43
Dresser	41¼	41⅛
Duke Power	48⅛	49
Dun & Brdstreet	28	28⅛
Du Pont	62⅞	63⅛
Eastman Chem	59⅞	60⅛
Eastman Kodak	65⅛	65
Eaton Corp	90⅛	90

	Aug 29 close	Aug 28 close
Edison Intl	24½	24¼
Elect Data Sys	37⅞	37⅛
Emerson Elec	54⅞	53⅞
Engelhard Corp	20¼	20⅛
Enron Corp	38⅝	37⅞
Entergy	24⅞	25⅛
Ethyl Corp	9	9⅛
Exxon	61⅛	61¼
FMC Corp	83⅛	84¼
FPL Group	46¼	46⅛
Federal Express	66⅛	65⅞
Fifth Third Banc	58½	58⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	64⅛	64¼
Fluor Corp	56¼	56½
Ford Motor	43	43⅛
Fort James	42	41⅞
Fortune Brands	34½	34¼
Franklin Res	77½	77⅞
GTE Corp	44⅛	44¼
Gannett	97⅛	96
Gap Inc Del	44¼	44⅛
Gen Dynamics	79½	80½
Gen Electric	62¼	62¼
Gen Mills	64½	65
Gen Motors	62¼	63⅛
Gen Reinsuranc	193½	194
Gen Signal	43½	43½
Genuine Parts	30½	30⅞
Georgia Pac	91¼	91⅛
Gillette	82⅞	82¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	39½	39¼
Goodrich (BF)	42¼	42⅛
Goodyear Tire	61¼	61½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¼	25½
Great Lakes	46¼	46⅛
Halliburton	47½	48½
Harcourt General	47½	47¼
Heinz (HJ)	41½	41½
Hercules	51⅞	51⅞
Hershey Foods	53½	54⅛
Hewlett Packard	61⅞	61
Hilton Hotels	30⅞	30⅞
Home Depot	47½	47⅛
Homestake Mng	14	14
Honeywell	69¼	68½
Household Intl	110⅞	111½
Houston Inds	20¼	20⅛
Humana	23⅛	23⅞
ITT Corp	62⅞	63⅛
Ikon Office	26	26
Illinois Tool	48½	48½
Illinova	23	23⅛
INCO	27⅛	27⅞
Ingersoll Rand	60½	60
Inland Steel	21⅛	20⅞
Intel Corp	92¼	92½
IBM	100⅞	101⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	51½	52⅛
Intl Paper	52¼	53⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	56⅞	57
Kellogg	44⅞	45⅛
Kerr-McGee	62½	61⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	49
Kmart	13¼	13⅛
Knight-Ridder	50½	51⅛
Lilly (Eli)	104½	102⅞
Limited Inc	22¼	22⅞
Lincoln Nat	66⅞	66¼
Litton	49¼	47⅞
Liz Claiborne	44⅞	45½
Lockheed Martin	103⅞	104⅞
Louisiana Pac	22½	22⅞
MCI Comm	28½	28⅛
Manpower Inc	42⅞	43½
Marriott Intl	66⅞	67
Marsh & McLnn	68¼	69⅞
Masco Corp	44⅛	44¼
May Dept St	53⅞	53⅛
Maytag Corp	27⅛	27¼
McDonalds	47⅞	46⅞
McGraw Hill	61⅞	61⅛
Mead Corp	70⅞	71⅛
Medtronic	90½	90⅛
Mellon Bk	48⅛	47¼
Merck Inc	91⅞	92⅛
Mercury Fin	1½	1½
Merrill Lynch	61¼	60⅛
Microsoft	132⅛	132⅞
Minnesota Mine	89½	90⅞
Mirage Resorts	26⅞	26⅞
Mobil Corp	72¼	73½
Monsanto	43⅞	43⅞
Morgan (JP)	107¼	109½
Motorola Inc	73½	74⅞
Mylan Labs	21¼	21½
Natl Semi	34¼	34⅞
Natl Service Ind	44⅛	44½
Navistar Int	24⅞	25⅛
NY Times A	47⅛	48
Newmont Mng	42⅞	42⅞
Nike B	53½	53⅛
NL Industries	13½	13⅞
Nordstrom	58½	59⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	98	99⅛
Nthn State Pwr	48½	48⅛
Norwest Corp	57⅞	57⅛
Occidental Pet	23⅛	23½
Ohio Edison	22	21½
Oracle	38½	36⅞
Oryx Energy Co	26⅛	26⅛

	Aug 29 close	Aug 28 close
Owens Corning	40⅞	40½
PPG Industries	63	63¼
PMI Group	57⅞	58
PNC Bank	43¼	42½
PP&L Res	21⅞	21¼
Paccar Inc	47¼	49
Pacificorp	20¼	20⅞
Pac Enterprises	32⅞	33½
Pall Corp	23⅞	24
Parker Hannifin	64⅛	64¼
Peco Energy	23⅛	23⅛
Penney (JC)	60	60½
Pennzoil	77⅛	77
Pepsico	36	36⅞
Pfizer	55½	54½
Pharm & Upjhn	34⅛	34½
Phelps Dodge	80½	81½
Philip Morris	43½	44¼
Phillips Pet	47⅞	47¼
Pitney Bowes	76½	77½
Polaroid	52⅞	53⅛
Procter & Gmbl	133⅛	134¼
Providian	37¼	37⅛
Pub Serv E & G	24⅞	25⅛
Quaker Oats	47	48⅞
Ralston Purina	90	90⅞
Raychem Corp	93⅞	93⅞
Raytheon	55	55½
Reebok Intl	43⅞	44⅞
Reynolds Metals	70⅞	72¼
Rockwell Intl	60	60½
Rohm & Haas	95⅞	96½
Royal Dutch	50¼	50½
Rubbermaid	25	24⅞
SBC Comms	54½	54½
Safeco Corp	49½	48½
St Paul's Cos	73¼	73⅞
Sallie Mae	135½	136
Salomon Inc	59½	59½
Sara Lee Corp	40¼	41
Schering Plough	48	47¼
Schlumberger	76⅛	78¼
Seagram	34⅞	35½
Sears Roebuck	56½	56⅞
Shell Trans	40⅞	41⅛
Sherwin Wllms	27⅞	27¼
Silicon Graphics	27⅞	27¼
Snap-On-Tools	42	41⅞
Southern Co	21½	21⅛
Southtrust	44½	43⅛
Sprint Corp	47	46¼
Stanley Works	42⅞	42⅞
Sun Company	38½	39½
Sun Microsys	48	48⅛
Suntrust	62½	61¼
Supervalu	39¼	38½
Synovus Fin	26⅛	25⅞
Sysco Corp	35½	36⅛
TRW Inc	52½	52¼
TJG Hldgs	31¼	31⅛
Tandem Comp	34	33½
Tandy Corp	66½	66½
Temple Inland	64½	65⅛
Tenet Healthcare	27¼	27⅛
Tenneco	48⅞	48⅛
Texaco	115½	115¼
Texas Inst	113½	115⅞
Texas Utilities	34¼	35
Textron	62⅞	63⅞
Thermo Elect	40⅛	39½
Time Warner	51¼	51¼
Times-Mirror A	50⅞	50¼
Timken	37½	37⅛
Torchmark	37⅞	38⅛
Toys R Us	34⅞	34¼
Transamerica	98⅛	97⅞
Travelers	63¼	64
Tribune	49⅞	49¼
UST Inc	28⅞	29½
US Bancorp	88½	89½
UAL	76½	76½
US Inds	38	37⅞
US West Comm	35⅞	36⅛
US West Media	20	20⅛
USAirways Group	34½	35⅞
USX Marathon	32⅛	32⅛
Unicom	23½	23⅞
Unilever NV	201¼	206½
Union Camp	59⅞	59⅛
Union Carbide	51⅞	52
Union Pacific	64⅞	66½
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11½
USF&G Corp	21⅛	21⅞
United Tech	78⅞	78½
Unocal Corp	39⅞	39⅛
VF Corp	89½	88⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	35½	35⅛
Warner-Lambert	127⅞	126
Waste Mngmt	32	32½
Wells Fargo	254½	251½
Westinghouse El	25½	26½
Weyerhaeuser	57½	58⅞
Whirlpool	57½	57⅞
Whitman	24½	24⅞
Winn Dixie	33⅞	34⅛
Witco Corp	47	46½
Woolworth	22½	22⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	72½	72⅞
Xerox	75½	75⅞
Xilinx Inc	47½	48⅛

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Mauling is not exclusive to Asian tigers

East Asia's market crisis has unleashed a sneering triumphalism among many free market voices in the West. Gleeful economic obituaries on the region fill business pages, proclaiming that the Asian miracle was always an illusion. Within weeks of Hong Kong passing to Chinese rule, there are dark mutterings that this success story too is coming to an end.

There is no doubt that the Asian tigers are taking a savage mauling at the hands of disillusioned global investors and that the region's people and economies are likely to go through an extremely rough patch after all the years of stunning, if unevenly distributed, prosperity. But a lot of nonsense is being talked about this episode proving the superiority of one economic model over another.

There is nothing exclusive about macroeconomic misjudgment and inappropriate vainglory. Running up a huge current account deficit is not an East Asian phenomenon (ask Reagan's America), nor is pegging one's currency at an inappropriately high level (ask Britain's Conservative Party), nor allowing a damaging property market bubble to unbalance one's economy (ditto).

Stripping out economic ideology or cultural prejudice, Asia's current troubles throw up some objectively interesting lessons. The overriding message is that the global market offers untold opportunities for wealth creation to those who run their economies well but stern punishment when macroeconomic mistakes are made. Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's Prime Minister, now railing against the evils of international capital, appears to have forgotten the enormous benefits it brought to his country in happier days and the fact that, whether money flows into his country or out of it, it largely depends on how well or badly he runs the economy.

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Another lesson is that, once the free market is embraced, it is virtually impossible to reverse the process. Dr Mahathir's sudden ban on short-selling and Indonesia's weekend introduction of selective currency controls have merely provoked mistrust and a further loss of confidence among investors.

A third truth to emerge is that the International Monetary Fund's influence on world financial events is extremely limited. Since the Mexican peso crisis in late 1994, the international community has worked hard on improving surveillance, developing early warning signals and pushing countries into publishing accurate and timely economic data to help in this effort. In reality, however, most governments lack the political will to change their economic policies until the markets force them to in an atmosphere of crisis (ask John Major).

The process is brutal but, as long as free market principles are observed, the discipline of the market brings its own reward. In the case of Mexico, the huge devaluation of the peso has brought a boom in exports and industrial production which has smoothed the way to partial economic recovery. Inflation rocketed, of course, but has subsequently dropped sharply from peak levels. Britain and Italy, forced to abandon pegging their currencies within the exchange-rate mechanism, have prospered to become two of the countries most fit to join monetary union (and risk making the same mistake twice).

And so to another key lesson from the current mess in Asia. Running open economies with fixed currencies is a highly dangerous game. By abandoning their erstwhile pegs to the US dollar and allowing their currencies to devalue, several troubled Asian countries have ensured their eventual recovery.

Hong Kong's peg to the dollar leaves it reliant on its reserves, now pooled with the formidable war chest of China. But, once the dust settles, Hong Kong will also hope that the investor herd now thundering indiscriminately out of all Asian markets, whatever their different fundamentals, will become more selective. Asian values may stand some in good stead. Chile escaped the worst of the Latin American rout two years ago, courtesy partly of its high savings and investment rate which left it less vulnerable when foreign money departed. High savings is one phenomenon that has always been regarded as an enviable Asian value. Singapore, for one, ought to find partial immunity because of it.

Era of change as toy group seeks game plan to get back on track

Jason Nissé looks at the management model that is refocusing Beatties

Down among the model railways and the Subbuteo table football teams, trouble is brewing. Era Group, owner of the Beatties model shops and the Techno and Fox Talbot camera shops, is to undergo a radical reshaping.

The troubled retailer shocked its followers last week when it revealed losses of £13.3 million for the year to February 28, figures that were so bad that even two profits warnings could not have been adequate preparation.

But all is not lost. The largely unnoticed appointment of Archie Coulson as a non-executive director two months ago was the signal of something more fundamental: namely that Postern Executive Group, the group which Coulson helped to found to help troubled companies, is now in charge at Era.

The arrival of Coulson and his colleague Ian Gray — who has also become a director — is the culmination of a dreadful performance by Era over almost a decade. By rights, the group should be booming — windfalls from building society flotations have boosted most areas of consumer spending, particularly camera sales — and an expansion by Beatties had moved it into the potentially lucrative market for computer consoles and games. However, a series of management shake-ups, strategic rethinks, overexpansion and underinvestment has meant that, in spite of raising £5.2 million from shareholders just over three years ago, the group is back in the mire.

Tony Caplin, Era's new chairman, said that there may be disposals. There has been talk of selling Beatties and of a takeover by Luke Johnson, the entrepreneur behind the successful float of PizzaExpress. However, Coulson and co dismissed those ideas and, though the final game plan is not set in stone, one thing is certain: Era is keeping Beatties.

With the arrival of Archie Coulson, Postern, which has a reasonable track record in turning companies round, has now taken charge at Era

Postern was set up by Coulson, Stan Carslake and Ken Scobie seven years ago as a specialist corporate restructuring business. It has a reasonable track record in turning companies round. Many of its appointments have been for behind-the-scenes work, but among the deals in the public domain have been the restructuring of MTM, the chemicals business. Richard Lines, MTM's former chairman, and Thomas Baxter, the former finance director, were jailed for fraud this year. Other known deals include the successful sale of the Pavilion leisure business for the venture capitalists Cinven and Candover, bringing High-Point, the consultancy group, back to life, and failing to save Chamberlain Phipps, the shoemaker.

In the past, most of Postern's appointments came from banks worried about whether companies could pay their debts, though this has dropped to fewer than half of the recent appointments, with institutional investors, venture capitalists or even the managements themselves turning to Postern. "We tend to look at companies from more of an industry perspective than accountants or bankers might," says Couslon. "We will often restructure a business so someone can be brought in to take it forward."

That is pretty much the game plan at Era, which Coulson believes is suffering from a "lack of flair". The Postern team immediately took the view that selling Beatties would be a mistake. "The business has a clear market niche in modelling and collectables," says Coulson. Within Beatties there was a great deal of expertise — many of the senior management were train set collectors themselves who have divided the regular customers into three categories: big kids, interested modellers and — the ultimate clasification — anoraks.

> ❛ We look at companies from more of an industry perspective than accountants or bankers might ❜

However, the problem was that to increase volumes Beatties had moved into computer games, which, in spite of their success, are much lower margin than train sets, Scalextric model motor racing or Subbuteo table football. The decision on whether to stay in the computer games area has yet to be "officially" taken, though Postern knows it will have to shrink the Beatties chain from its current 70 stores come what may. Coulson's belief is that Beatties has to ditch computer games, though the withdrawal may now not take place before this year's key pre-Christmas sales period.

Postern also worked out an interesting strategy for the camera business, which it thinks has a great future. However, this may be blown off course by pressure from Era's bankers, who have given the group an overdraft limit of £12.6 million. Its current borrowings are £12.4 million. The official line is "a disposal of Techno at a sensible price could enhance shareholders' value". A sale memorandum has gone out, but no tears will be shed if the prices offered are not considered good enough to make a sale worthwhile.

Coulson believes that Techno has suffered from underinvestment and could trade pretty well if it were "jazzed up". But he is more interested in the two Fox Talbot shops, which are specialists in pseudo-professional cameras, where the actual camera bodies or components can cost anything from £200 to £13,000 — the price of one Leica camera at Fox Talbot. Coulson wants to develop this into a small chain of no more than ten stores in regional centres, buying and selling secondhand equipment as well as new cameras, offering upgrades and specialist advice. Techno would be able to accept secondhand cameras in part exchange, which could be sold through Fox Talbot.

"Its an unexploited asset for somebody," Coulson says. "I wish I could get paid for my ideas."

Ultimately Postern sees its work at Era as basic housekeeping. Executives want to leave the group in such a position that a high-calibre retailer can be recruited to Beatties, which, by then, will be starting to move forward.

Coulson said: "If we can demonstrate there is the guts of a viable business, then you can say to a top retailer 'Here is something you can create. There's a few bob salary and some share options which could really be worth something if you make this work'."

It's an attractive sales pitch — even if you aren't a trainspotter.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Burden of Budget change on charities

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, Robert Bruce (Audit, August 28) refers to the possibility of simplifying VAT for charities as part of the fundamental review of charity taxation announced by the Chancellor in the Budget. Submissions to the Treasury are due by December 1. Charities may well wish to press for the right to reclaim, from the Treasury, the £350 million per annum irrecoverable VAT they currently suffer.

The Chancellor's July Budget contained two principal matters of interest to charities. One was the announcement of the fundamental review of charity taxation, the results of which would probably be legislated for in 1999. The other was the abolition of charities' entitlement to reclaim the tax credit on dividends received. This abolition, which admittedly will not come fully into effect until 2004, will ultimately cost charities up to £300 million per annum.

Unless the charity tax review grants charities the right to reclaim irrecoverable VAT, they may well wish that the Chancellor had never stood up to speak on July 2.

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Britain perceived as backward-looking

From Mr Bruce Cherry

Sir, Although some might feel a natural inclination to dismiss Tony Blair's reported desire to rebrand Britain as another example of the Labour Party's preference for style over substance, work which we have undertaken for the British Council suggests that for certain exporters the exercise is long overdue.

As part of ongoing support to UK education exporters, such as universities and language schools, we have been undertaking export market analyses of countries as diverse as Mexico, Vietnam, Argentina and Brunei.

A consistent finding has been that Britain is seen as traditional, backward-looking and conventional amongst target markets. The most positive thing that can be said is that it is "historical". This has considerable negative influence over those thinking of studying for business administration and technology fields at postgraduate and undergraduate levels.

It is a sad reflection that even such ageing pop stars as the Rolling Stones are thought to be American because they are seen as up-to-date and dynamic and, QED, not from Britain!

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Brighton battles for business recognition

From Mr Steve Bassam

Sir, The misconception that Brighton is not a good business location ("Brighton comes out rock bottom", The Times, August 26) is something that the local authority is working hard to combat.

We are, to a certain extent, a victim of our own success. Having built an international reputation as a tourism and conference location, commerce is not always the first thing people associate with Brighton and Hove.

In reality, many large companies thrive here, including the European, African and Middle Eastern HQ for American Express. Ironically, Black Horse, who conducted the survey, also have their International Factors company here. The car rental company Alamo and the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra) have just moved in.

Major retail and leisure developers are queuing up to invest in Brighton and Hove, where unemployment is dropping faster than the national average. More worrying is the notion that companies prefer towns with successful football teams, a matter I shall be raising with the management of Brighton & Hove Albion.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE BASSAM (Leader),
Brighton & Hove Council,
Hove, East Sussex.

OVER 'ERE SON, ON ME 'EAD.

bench *n.* 1 prolonged and frustrating period of inactivity as a result of failing to make first team 2 used in a collective sense to refer to the judges or magistrates in a court.

encroachment *v.* 1 "Oi ref! They're never ten yards!" (see *walls* at *free kicks*) 2 unlawfully entering upon another's rights or possessions.

contract *n.* 1 piece of paper that means very little to certain footballers and their agents 2 a legally binding agreement.

negative clearance *n.* 1 maximum distance, minimum direction, just hoof it anywhere (see *traditional English centreback*) 2 Procedure whereby parties to an agreement seek a declaration that does not come within the scope of the Treaty of Rome's anti-competition laws.

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Stuck on greed

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A SUITABLE mark of respect from the Inland Revenue, after the tragedy at the weekend. The Revenue's campaign reminding us all of the need to fill in our tax forms by the end of this month was to be launched at Somerset House today, featuring an elephant as a photo-opportunity. The silly stunt has been cancelled.

And a rather less appealing display of greed from the Far East. Stamp collectors in Hong Kong are rushing to buy a special 1989 commemorative issue featuring Diana, Princess of Wales. The issue has a face value of about £35. The Princess's death led to a rush for the stamps, and dealers jacked the prices up to more than £1,200 — while pulling supplies off the shelves in the hope of higher prices later.

"I'm afraid he's popped out for the afternoon . . . him too . . . him as well . . . er, him as well I'm afraid . . ."

- *A DIGNIFIED minute's silence in the City. Then back to the normal round of poaching and back-stabbing. I hear one high-flyer is heading for Deutsche Kleinwort Benson, as global head of marketing, whatever that may be. Nigel Lester is the name being whispered around Kleinwort's brutal Fenchurch Street offices, on a huge salary, too. Lester was global head of research at UBS until he slipped away, virtually unnoticed, three months ago. My sources at Kleinwort expect him shortly, although it is not yet a done deal. They do not expect his arrival, in a new, ill-defined role, to be greatly welcomed. They expect trouble, and soon.*

Gap spied

A CURIOUS gap in his *curriculum vitae* for Ronnie Baird, the man shortly to lead the Bank of England's banking supervision team. At Lloyds TSB Baird was once "Head of the Special Projects Department" in the international banking division. "This covert operation was established in February 1989," says the CV. The Bank of England professes ignorance about this "covert operation" and Lloyds is not saying. Something to do with its extensive business in Latin America? Does Ronnie Baird know anything about exploding cigars? Is there a connection between Baird's appointment and that of Deanne Julius, the former British Airways economist joining the Bank's monetary policy committee who freely admits to starting her career with the Central Intelligence Agency?

Hello Hello!

I LEAVE it to you to decide if this is deliberate parody, Post-Modernist irony, or whatever. The normally sane, not to say dull, trade mag *Property Week* has found a way of filling space during those flat weeks of August, when headlines such as "Swift end to Marylebone Plaza dispute expected" may be hard to come by. Instead, turn to "Sailing with the Slades" (Michael Slade of Helical Bar) and "At home with the Fletchers" (David Fletcher of Fletcher King), all done in strict adherence to the *Hello!* style. Right down to the red-boxed scene-setters and the awful prose. I almost fear for the Fletchers' and the Slades' marriages, given such pieces' reputation as the last step before the divorce courts.

One of the Slade brood apparently shares my fears. "I hope this isn't for *Hello!*" pleads Katie, 23. Her mum Heather admits: "We've already turned them down twice."

- *RICHARD LAMBERT, king over the water at the* Financial Times, *is being careful with the pennies while entertaining his staff, as I reported on Saturday — he took them out for a meal and split the bill. But the Pink 'Un itself is not stinting on the editor's stay in New York. The amiable Lambert is being put up on the posh Upper East Side, rented from Ilie Nastase, the former tennis star, for a year. For how much? A staggering $20,000 a month, I am told.*

Spin doctored

SWISS LIFE is marking its 30th anniversary in this country with a party at the Eve Club on Regent Street. The invitation is an old-fashioned 33 rpm vinyl long-player, the sleeve yet another spoof of *Sergeant Pepper*, released in 1967. Inside there is a genuine plastic record. No one at Swiss Life knows which — someone bought a job lot of 1960s discs. With my luck, mine is Herman's Hermits.

Very chic, very retro. The Eve Club, you see, was where Stephen Ward met Christine Keeler. But hang on, Swiss Life UK started up in the Summer of Love, it says here. Wasn't Profumo, Keeler and all that at least four years earlier? "Between the *Lady Chatterley* ban and the Beatles' first LP"? Another era entirely. Still, they do say if you remember the Sixties you weren't really there.

MARTIN WALLER

The original Beatles album cover, which has been used as the basis for a 30th anniversary party invitation by Swiss Life

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	798.60	849.60	+ 5.40	2.23
General Inc	661.60	703.90	+ 4.50	2.23
UK Growth Acc	552.10	587.40	+ 4.10	2.15
UK Growth Inc	352.90	375.50	+ 2.60	2.16
Higher Inc Acc #	983.90	1046.60	+ 6.50	4.53
Higher Inc Inc #	516.20	549.30	+ 3.50	4.53
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	222.70	236.30	+ 0.20	5.50
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.77	97.97	- 2.33	5.50
Nth America	424.90	452.10	+ 4.40	
Europe	427.70	455.10	+ 2.70	0.02
Brit Excell	110.60	117.70	+ 0.80	2.34
Brit Fndmtls Acc	135.30	144.00	+ 0.60	4.25
Brit Fndmtls Inc	89.27	94.97	+ 0.44	4.25
Global Opps	114.50	121.90	.	
Balanced Acc	71.32	75.88	+ 0.20	2.09
Balanced Inc	65.91	70.12	+ 0.19	2.09
Japan Acc	40.43	43.02	- 0.92	
Pac Basin Acc	362.50	385.70	- 8.90	1.17
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	134.80	143.00†	- 2.00	6.42
High Inc Equity	210.00	224.60	+ 1.20	4.32
Worldwide Bond	266.60	282.70†	- 0.80	3.93
American Growth	514.00	548.70	+ 2.40	0.30
Asian Pacific	309.50	331.00	- 8.10	0.42
Assets & Earnings	329.80	352.70	+ 1.60	2.65
Euro Capital Acc	230.50	246.50	+ 1.80	0.81
Extra Inc	43.70	46.49†	+ 0.17	8.45
General	302.20	321.50†	+ 1.10	2.86
Global Opps	80.53	85.67†	- 0.75	0.47
Japan	94.34	100.90	- 2.70	
Managed Inc	51.14	54.40†	+ 0.05	4.14
Mastertrust	186.80	199.80	- 0.70	1.11
US Emerging Cos	217.00	232.10	+ 1.80	
Ethical	87.39	92.97	+ 0.18	1.97
International	150.20	159.80	- 1.20	0.54
Dividend & Growth	77.41	82.25	+ 0.32	4.08
Global Gwth & Sec	77.16	82.43	- 0.25	2.45
Latin America	94.85	100.90†	- 2.00	0.39
Capital Reserve	150.00	150.10		4.66
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	106.50	113.20†	+ 0.60	2.11
Equity Income #	147.20	156.50†	+ 0.70	3.71
Extra Income #	282.30	300.30†	+ 1.10	6.07
Smaller Cos	106.00	112.70	- 0.10	1.76
International	128.70	136.90	+ 0.30	1.34
ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
American	76.23	79.28	+ 0.58	
Emerging Mkts	74.37	77.46	- 3.94	0.06
European	169.19	175.95	+ 0.40	
Extra Income #	53.98	56.80†	- 0.94	5.25
Far East Emg Ecn	108.63	113.95	- 3.15	0.73
Fixed Interest #	26.72	27.77†	+ 0.09	8.44
Fund Inv Tst #	165.09	173.31	- 0.25	9.69
Japan	168.19	174.74†	- 6.26	
Latin American	77.08	81.71†	- 2.50	
Pacific	72.09	75.67	- 1.88	0.38
Property	83.84	88.02	- 1.66	1.50
UK Emerging Cos	67.91	73.39	1.02	0.77
UK Growth	66.14	68.89	+ 0.14	1.30
Aber World Port #	89.39	94.08	- 0.53	2.56
Ethical	82.85	86.16	- 0.01	1.04
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.07	50.07†	0.68	7.10
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2423.00	2531.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdnl Property #	108.50	115.40	+ 2.50	4.92
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	103.10	109.39†	- 0.54	1.91
Income Builder Inc	97.83	97.69	+ 0.43	3.59
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B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	134.20	139.40	- 1.10	
Foundtn Persl Pens	79.73	82.83		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	447.00	475.50	+ 4.40	
Bond	124.10	130.40†		6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	113.20	120.40	+ 0.20	1.90
Cons & Gen #	66.47	70.71†	+ 0.56	5.39
Europe	350.20	371.70	+ 2.70	
Euro Smlr Cos	129.40	138.00	+ 0.10	0.31
Income Gwth	394.80	420.00	+ 0.20	4.00
Japan	303.60	321.70	- 8.70	
Latin American	114.90	122.20	- 4.50	
Pacific	109.50	116.50	- 3.70	0.55
UK Smlr Cos	61.34	65.26	- 0.09	1.29
Japan Fd	553.20	571.00	- 10.50	
Mngd Fd	235.60	250.40	+ 1.20	2.43
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	434.10	459.10		0.77
Capital Gwth	156.20	165.20		2.53
Wwide Opps	244.80	258.90		0.85
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	499.50	531.40	+ 2.50	1.58
European Gd Inc	97.67	101.20†		6.04
Exempt	99.10	105.40	+ 0.50	2.18
500	500.40	538.10†	- 0.10	2.02
General	382.80	407.20	+ 2.10	1.70
Property	262.80	282.00	+ 0.20	5.61
Trustee	268.50	285.60	+ 1.30	1.66
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90		6.36
Distribution #	122.30	123.00†	- 0.30	5.28
Extra Income #	162.80	173.70	- 0.60	4.32
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.57	62.45†	+ 0.02	7.46
Income #	670.90	715.70†	+ 1.60	4.25
Income Builder #	76.75	81.74†	+ 0.25	4.89
Intl Income	81.85	87.08	+ 0.30	1.10
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	168.80	179.60†	- 0.80	1.49
FTSE 100	123.90	131.50	+ 0.90	1.86
Smlr Cos Inc	58.50	62.40†		2.25
UK Growth	489.30	520.60	+ 2.20	1.68
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	222.50	235.90	+ 1.00	0.11
F East Gwth Acc	265.50	282.50	- 7.70	0.35
Far East Gwth	157.30	167.30	- 4.60	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	222.50	235.50†	+ 1.80	0.39
-do- Accum	243.40	257.60	+ 1.70	0.39
Japan	117.90	124.80	- 3.30	
-do- Accum	119.30	126.30	- 3.30	
Japan Spec Sits	55.88	59.20	- 1.41	
Worldwide	216.40	229.70	- 0.60	0.58
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	171.40	180.90	+ 1.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	174.80	185.30	+ 1.80	
Eastern	256.00	275.40	- 10.40	0.30
Equity Income #	115.40	123.30†	+ 0.70	4.00
European Growth	447.60	475.70	+ 1.70	0.80
Europe	431.30	461.00	- 0.40	0.80
German Growth	106.80	113.30	+ 0.90	0.50
Global Bond	71.99	75.71†	+ 0.19	4.60
Global Growth	165.80	176.00	- 0.40	0.40
Japan Growth	156.60	166.10	- 4.60	
Japan Savings	107.00	113.20	- 1.30	
Korea Trust	48.97	53.30	- 1.39	
Portfolio	166.10	176.90†	+ 0.70	2.00
-do- Accum	320.60	341.50	+ 1.40	2.00
UK Growth	123.50	132.30	+ 1.00	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	108.70	118.10	+ 0.30	1.90
Select Managers	95.23	102.00	- 0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	103.30	109.90†		
Special Oppor Inc	72.81	77.46†		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	176.13	183.47	+ 0.85	1.08
-do- Accum	208.13	214.72	+ 0.99	1.08
Smaller Cos	175.02	182.31	+ 0.42	0.31
Higher Yield #	66.22	68.98	+ 0.32	3.76
American Gth Inc	132.67	138.20†	+ 1.97	
European Growth	193.83	201.91†	+ 1.11	.
-do- Accum	197.98	206.23	+ 1.14	
Mngd Ptflo Inc	61.63	64.20	- 0.48	1.24
-do- Accum	64.28	66.96	- 0.50	1.24
Int Spec Opps	201.11	209.49	- 3.94	
Pacific Gth	160.02	166.69	- 10.29	
UK General #	117.98	122.89	+ 0.43	2.85
-do- Accum #	129.93	135.34	+ 0.47	2.85
Japan	48.44	50.46†	- 1.44	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	103.54	107.30†	- 0.02	7.54
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7278				
Short Dated Gilt	65.20	66.04	0.03	6.33
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	201.80	212.40	+ 0.60	1.62
UK Growth	250.50	263.70†	+ 1.40	1.73
UK Income	172.70	181.70	+ 0.60	3.92
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	286.20	292.10†	+ 1.20	1.40
-do- Income Dist	147.30	156.10	+ 0.80	3.20
-do- Accum	490.10	519.50	+ 2.80	3.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.66	43.76†	+ 0.02	6.22
Growth Units	305.70	327.10†	+ 2.20	1.79
Bond	179.80	189.10†	+ 0.10	6.40
Intl Growth	243.80	259.70	- 1.40	0.18
North American	310.80	330.00†	+ 2.10	0.08
Far East	256.80	274.60	- 4.70	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	241.80	258.60	+ 0.30	1.11
European	110.20	117.20	+ 0.50	0.43
Japanese Growth	37.16	39.41	- 1.22	
High Income	260.90	278.80	+ 1.70	3.64
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	271.20	287.10	+ 2.00	.
European Inc	113.50	120.60†	+ 0.60	0.10
Smaller Cos (4-1)	105.20	112.00†	- 0.30	1.84
Growth	638.60	679.40†	+ 3.00	1.90
Income & Growth #	534.30	568.50†	+ 2.70	4.51
-do- Accum #	834.70	888.00	+ 4.20	4.51
Japan & Gen	57.56	60.96	- 1.89	
Hallmark Gwth	1413.00	1472.00†	+ 4.00	1.57
-do- Accum	1766.00	1840.00	+ 4.00	1.57
Special Sits	147.30	156.80	+ 0.60	1.87
High Yield	1742.00	1786.00	+ 9.00	3.99
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	111.29	118.97	+ 0.32	2.32
American Portfolio	153.80	163.25	+ 0.97	0.72
European Portfolio	156.42	166.56	+ 1.07	0.42
High Income	53.70	56.52†	+ 0.06	6.70
Japanese Portfolio	57.38	60.85†	- 1.26	
Pacific Portfolio	146.06	157.06	- 3.05	0.77
UK Equity	110.24	117.74	+ 0.45	2.84
UK Equity & Bd	64.16	68.06	+ 0.19	5.22
UK Smlr Cos	52.45	56.10	- 0.52	1.69
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	907.67	921.38		3.76
Inv Fd Acc	919.93	933.22		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	161.30	161.94		8.83
Fxd Int Sec Acc	164.97	165.63		.
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	893.92	907.44		3.83
Investment Acc	4257.44	4321.78	.	.
Fixed Int Inc	130.57	131.09		8.65
Fixed Int Acc	253.85	254.87		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	91.23	95.99		5.22
Beck Bio-Tech	41.18	44.62		.
Acorn Ethical Tst	208.09	218.51	.	0.42
City Fin Assets	85.63	89.92	- 0.80	1.84
City Fin Intl	97.67	102.56		0.06
Friars Hse Cap	340.98	362.72†	- 1.41	1.72
Buckley Wrld Gth	153.64	163.07	..	
Shaw Utilities	75.70	77.36	+ 0.07	4.50
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	62.75	68.58	- 1.65	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 293				
American Gwth	96.12	102.26	+ 0.90	
Dragon Growth	62.78	67.14	- 1.92	0.70
Equity High Inc	106.69	112.88	- 0.87	3.38
-do- Accum	160.14	169.46	+ 0.96	3.38
Extra Income Inc	27.80	29.26	+ 0.01	6.69
Extra Income Acc	31.89	33.57	+ 0.01	6.69
European Gwth	77.90	82.43	+ 0.56	0.18
Evergreen	34.29	36.67	+ 0.14	
General Equity	124.65	131.56	+ 0.78	2.44
Japan Growth	39.75	42.29	- 1.01	
Pedigree Gwth	74.14	78.45	+ 0.41	1.81
Pfd Sm Cos Inc	40.12	42.46	- 0.08	1.51
-do- Accum	42.97	45.47	- 0.08	1.51
Retirement Inc #	31.68	33.68	- 0.23	5.44
Special Sits	52.58	55.54	+ 0.13	2.86
UK & Overseas	68.28	72.25	- 0.15	0.47
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	77.94	81.18†	+ 0.18	3.81
Capital	95.17	99.13†	- 0.01	2.22
High Income	54.20	56.45†	+ 0.03	6.55
Top 50	68.07	70.90†	+ 0.53	2.27
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9878				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	213.53	222.46	+ 0.45	4.34
Long Gilt	47.25	49.19	+ 0.02	5.81
Monthly Inc Plus	54.11	56.37	+ 0.08	7.95
Preference Share	51.73	53.88	.	7.23
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	154.49	160.94	+ 0.15	5.57
Managed Fund	84.06	87.57	- 0.03	2.58
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.61	53.77	- 0.07	1.58
-do- Accum	61.72	64.30	- 0.08	1.58
UK & General	115.63	120.46	+ 0.52	2.33
-do- Accum	153.29	159.69	+ 0.69	2.33
UK Growth	229.59	239.18	+ 1.11	1.64
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	250.85	261.33	+ 2.07	0.51
Far Eastern Gth	123.70	128.87	- 3.06	0.22
Global Bond	74.26	77.36	+ 0.19	6.64
Japan Growth	101.86	106.12	- 2.13	.
North Amer Gth	294.68	306.99	+ 2.31	
Oriental Growth	77.27	80.50	- 2.12	0.61
Worldwide Growth	80.42	83.78	- 0.21	0.31
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.25	93.25	+ 0.04	6.04
Homemaker Fund	99.94	106.33	- 0.30	2.03
Outflier Fund	170.07	180.93†	- 2.29	1.74
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.80	41.50†		3.04
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	196.10	208.60	+ 0.50	1.72
Income	81.10	86.28†	+ 0.74	3.99
European	88.63	94.29	+ 0.83	0.15
Recovery	186.70	198.60	- 2.60	2.08
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9404				
Equity Dist	1149.00	1168.30		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
European Inc	80.81	85.77†	+ 0.49	0.37
Fellowship Tst	115.00	122.30	+ 0.20	1.11
Income #	319.80	340.20	+ 1.50	4.04
-do- Accum #	869.90	925.40	+ 4.30	4.04
Smaller Cos	228.10	242.60	+ 0.60	0.76
-do- Accum	285.00	303.10	+ 0.70	0.76
Cm Portfolio	110.10	117.10†	+ 0.50	1.35
High Inc Port #	93.50	99.46†	+ 0.30	4.20
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1858.00	1879.70		0.55
UK Small Cos	2239.00	2327.40	.	2.95
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	240.70	248.20	.	.
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	201.30	214.10	+ 0.90	1.51
UK High Inc Inc	214.30	227.90	+ 0.80	3.13
-do- Accum	298.60	317.60	+ 1.00	3.13
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.15	65.99	- 0.09	5.61
Envrnmtl Opps	119.80	127.40	+ 0.70	0.78
UK Smlr Cos	72.47	77.09†	- 0.10	0.87
Extra Income Inc	52.11	56.42†	+ 0.01	6.06
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.82	25.31†	- 0.26	5.53
Enterprise	119.50	126.70	- 0.20	1.97
Equity Income #	163.20	173.40†	+ 0.50	3.69
European	73.14	77.44	+ 0.41	
Financial	67.51	71.73	+ 0.14	1.39
Growth & Inc #	333.40	354.20†	+ 3.40	2.47
High Dist #	208.50	221.50	+ 1.90	3.84
International	440.50	468.00	- 4.80	0.21
Int Cap Inc	122.30	130.60	- 0.10	2.07
Latin American	39.94	42.44†	- 1.66	
Mgd Gwth Port	96.36	100.70		4.97
Pacific	80.02	85.02	- 2.68	
Pref High Inc	24.10	25.61	+ 0.06	7.03
Tokyo	180.50	190.70†	- 4.90	
UK Smaller Cos	242.00	257.10	+ 0.50	1.17
Japan Sm Cos	303.50	321.20	- 2.60	
Nth Amer	526.70	559.00	- 1.20	0.52
UK Inc & Gth	301.10	321.20	+ 3.80	2.31
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	123.73	131.77	- 1.59	0.98
Growth Acc	310.60	330.85	- 22.31	0.27
Income	605.02	645.63†	- 3.70	6.06
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	253.80	270.00		0.92
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	108.27	113.97	+ 1.46	1.40
Ethical Tst	53.46	56.27	+ 0.05	0.82
Far Eastern	281.54	296.36	- 4.78	1.69
High Income	162.93	171.50	+ 1.87	4.36
UK Index Trcking	62.87	66.18†	+ 1.11	2.73
Intl Growth	152.73	160.77	- 0.47	1.09
North American	186.77	196.60	+ 1.83	1.52
Pelican	171.65	180.69	+ 2.62	2.70
Smaller Cos	71.21	74.96	+ 0.09	2.39
Special Sits	92.64	97.52	- 0.47	3.35
Tst of Inv Tsts	233.93	246.24†	- 0.47	1.42
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	120.84	128.21	- 0.45	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.20	60.69†	- 0.32	0.48
High Income #	40.36	42.80†	- 0.13	11.68
Warr & Gl Opps	50.73	54.55	- 0.51	
Zero Preference	47.75	50.66	- 0.04	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Ascat Tst	111.90	119.00	+ 0.60	2.13
United Charities	334.80	356.10	+ 1.20	1.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.60	27.58	+ 0.08	5.30
Strategic Inc	28.90	30.21†	- 0.07	5.62
Income Funds				
High Income	29.73	31.24†	- 0.02	4.93
Income Plus	157.30	167.30†	- 0.60	3.58
European Income	58.65	62.43†	+ 0.39	2.18
Moneybuilder Gwth	37.03	37.30†	- 0.09	2.24
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	37.53	40.04	- 0.83	
American	407.20	432.40	+ 1.80	
Amer Spec Sits	246.70	262.40	+ 1.20	.
Japan Smaller Cos	23.47	24.96	- 0.23	
European	278.80	296.50	+ 2.50	0.46
European Opps	100.90	107.40	+ 0.60	0.53
Global Ptw	37.32	39.69	- 0.04	0.41
UK Growth	144.00	153.20†	+ 0.50	1.27
Growth & Inc	210.20	223.50	+ 1.30	2.14
Intl PEP	57.49	61.13	+ 0.14	1.13
Japan Spec Sits	72.49	76.84	- 1.28	
Japan	169.90	179.90	- 4.90	
Managed Intl	426.10	452.70	- 0.20	0.59
Moneybuilder Plus	75.62	76.16	- 0.03	0.34
Recovery	67.67	71.96	+ 0.15	1.90
South E Asia	187.30	200.00	- 4.90	0.96
Special Sits	829.10	881.60	- 0.30	0.50
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	120.80	120.80	+ 0.05	6.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	172.80	174.90	.	1.58
Finsbury Prt Inc #	102.70	103.40†	+ 0.10	6.39
Cap Ptflo	186.00	187.70	+ 0.10	0.09
General Opps	160.40	161.60		3.08
Growth Inc	43.84	44.33	+ 0.32	1.67
Private Portfolio	552.70	559.70†		1.11
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 385 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	169.80	180.90	+ 0.70	
High Income	23.13	24.59†	- 0.01	9.15
Japan Smlr Cos	14.57	15.58	- 0.22	
US Smaller Cos	514.00	546.00	+ 8.30	.
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	98.12	104.10	+ 1.20	.
-do- Accum	98.12	104.10	+ 1.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	783.20	835.00†	+ 10.70	
-do- Accum	800.10	853.10†	+ 11.00	
Capital Tst	408.90	435.00	- 1.00	1.26
-do- Accum	603.90	642.40	- 1.50	1.26
Contl Smlr Cos	65.52	70.05	+ 0.09	1.03
-do- Accum	70.30	75.18	+ 0.11	1.03
Convertible	145.60	154.90	+ 0.20	5.38
-do- Accum	330.00	351.10	+ 0.40	5.38
Emerging Markets	76.52	81.75	- 1.27	0.54
-do- Accum	77.13	82.40	- 1.28	0.54
European	179.20	189.80	+ 1.20	0.40
-do- Accum	190.60	201.90	+ 1.30	0.40
Extra Income	451.40	480.20†	+ 2.40	4.02
-do- Accum	743.60	791.10†	+ 3.90	4.02
Financial	228.60	234.70	+ 1.10	0.94
-do- Accum	236.30	251.40	+ 1.10	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.98	65.95	+ 0.08	7.04
-do- Accum	102.50	105.60	+ 0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	281.40	300.60	+ 3.00	
-do- Accum	281.40	300.60	+ 3.00	.
Income & Growth	265.10	282.00	+ 1.40	3.54
-do- Accum	433.70	461.40	+ 2.30	3.54
Intl Growth	469.80	500.40	- 3.00	
-do- Accum	521.60	555.70	- 3.40	
Japan & Gen	148.20	157.20	- 3.30	
-do- Accum	149.70	158.80	- 3.30	
Monthly Inc #	230.00	244.70†	+ 0.80	4.26
-do- Accum #	237.10	252.20†	+ 1.00	4.26
Managed Port Inc	133.70	140.70	+ 0.30	1.27
-do- Accum	146.90	154.60	+ 0.20	1.27
Quarterly Income #	61.68	66.03†	+ 0.32	5.07
-do- Accum #	74.13	79.36†	+ 0.38	5.07
Recovery	343.20	367.10†	- 6.40	
-do- Accum	405.10	433.30†	- 7.70	
UK Growth	75.39	80.20	+ 0.54	1.79
-do- Accum	83.31	88.63	+ 0.61	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715634				
FP American	75.68	80.43	..	..
FP Am Smlr Cos	227.30	242.40		
FP Asian Growth	262.70	280.20		.
FP Australian	459.70	490.30†	...	...
FP Equity Dist	529.50	564.80	.	2.06
-do- Accum	1195.00	1274.00	..	2.06
FP Euro Gth	353.90	377.40		
-do- Accum	387.60	413.40		
FP Intl Bond	56.70	59.99†	.	3.84
FP Intl Gth Dist	43.03	45.89		0.01
-do- Accum	63.20	67.41		0.01
FP Pac Basin Acc	216.20	230.60		
FP Income #	66.74	71.18		4.47
-do- Accum #	242.10	258.20	.	4.47
FP Jap Smlr Cos	221.40	236.10	.	.
FP Monthly Dist #	82.65	88.15†		4.82
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†	.	5.32
FP Tokyo	75.50	80.53		
FP UK Focus	49.90	53.22		1.46
FP UK Growth	234.00	249.60†		1.67
-do- Accum	481.90	514.00		1.67
Stewardship Dist	463.60	494.50		1.47
-do- Accum	589.70	629.00	.	1.47
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	77.09	82.22†		4.99
-do- Accum #	109.90	117.20		4.99
N Am Stshp Dist	162.30	173.10		
-do- Accum	174.70	186.30		
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	118.50	119.00		2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	119.70	120.30		2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	146.60	155.90		0.48
Open Cap Gth Acc	148.30	157.70		
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	129.70	137.90†	.	2.54
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	140.50	148.40		2.54
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	134.20	142.70†		3.60
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	147.30	156.70		3.60
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 166/7				
GANDA	346.60	367.70	- 0.90	1.57
Cash	49.41	50.15†	+ 0.02	4.55
Growth Portfolio	99.17	105.50	- 1.10	
Income Portfolio	81.22	86.18†	- 0.42	2.86
For GEM Dolphin see Premier PII				
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	256.60	274.40	+ 3.50	0.12
European Gth	833.80	887.00	+ 4.40	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	58.77	62.22		3.83
-do- Accum	67.48	71.45		3.83
High Yield #	51.98	54.92†	- 0.05	7.36
-do- Accum #	60.96	64.41	- 0.05	7.36
Income Inc	215.90	231.00	- 3.60	3.85
-do- Accum	255.00	272.80	+ 0.30	3.85
Intl Growth	416.70	441.90	- 1.10	0.28
Intl Income	108.60	115.10	+ 0.30	2.05
Japan Growth	418.10	443.20	- 8.60	
Orient Acc	201.50	215.60	- 10.40	0.14
UK General Inc	216.90	231.60†	+ 1.20	1.70
UK General Acc	393.40	420.00	+ 2.20	1.70
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	63.86	68.30	- 0.04	1.70
UK Spec Sits	115.70	123.80	+ 0.10	1.33
US Growth	231.20	244.40	+ 0.70	
Wwide Spec Sits	185.70	197.60		.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	67.64	72.32†	+ 0.24	1.92
Practical Inv Inc #	136.05	145.51	- 0.66	3.31
-do- Accum #	330.68	353.65	- 1.60	3.31
UK Index	210.29	211.35†	- 2.64	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	225.88	241.58	- 4.68	0.40
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.64	26.57†	+ 0.04	7.04
High Income	39.21	41.80†	+ 0.12	3.64
UK Growth & Inc	181.79	194.25†	+ 0.53	1.97
Global Bond	28.08	29.11	+ 0.08	4.77
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.99	54.53	- 1.02	
Global Managed	160.85	170.89	- 0.48	1.06
Gold & Intl Res	103.75	110.96†	+ 2.55	
Global Utilities	167.77	178.99†	.	0.64
Overseas Funds				
American	244.98	259.41	+ 2.12	0.40
European	160.55	170.67	+ 0.93	0.50
Euro Sel Opps	250.06	267.37†	+ 1.43	
Amer Emerging	203.78	217.00	+ 3.91	
Hong Kong	225.26	241.85	- 13.00	0.78
Japan	193.36	204.67	- 5.12	.
Pacific Growth	204.57	219.51	- 7.50	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	287.69	287.69	+ 0.18	1.67
Long Term Bal	307.74	307.74	+ 0.30	2.56
Med Term Bal	250.82	250.82	+ 0.38	2.78
UK Equity	354.79	354.79	+ 2.46	2.10
UK Emerging Cos	186.01	186.01	+ 0.38	2.22
American	409.17	409.17†	+ 2.55	0.32
Japan	113.32	113.32†	- 3.11	.
European	418.47	418.47†	+ 2.49	0.62
Index Linked Gilt	196.46	196.46†	- 0.11	2.68
Fixed Interest	193.42	193.42†	+ 0.11	6.96
Amer Emerging	442.57	442.57	+ 7.13	.
Pacific	192.81	192.81	- 5.85	1.13
Emerging Mkts	144.98	144.98†	- 3.41	0.72
Index Strat Japan	118.67	118.67†	- 2.67	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	178.73	178.73†	- 4.46	1.35
-do- Cont Europe	225.29	225.29†	+ 1.44	1.30
Index Strat USA	245.76	245.76†	+ 1.48	1.18
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	135.99	144.67	+ 0.09	..
Med Term Bal	120.17	127.83	+ 0.19	
Cash Trust	152.25	152.25	+ 0.07	6.46
Long Term Bal	139.05	147.92	+ 0.14	...
UK Equity	165.44	175.99	+ 1.22	
UK Emerging Cos	85.23	90.67	+ 0.14	
American	190.09	202.22	+ 1.26	
Japan	54.23	57.69	- 1.58	
European	174.26	185.38	+ 1.10	
Fixed Interest	100.17	106.56	+ 0.06	
Index Linked Gilt	87.62	93.21	- 0.05	
Deposit	92.07	97.94	+ 0.04	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	169.08	177.98†	- 1.82	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	759.66	808.15	+ 6.75	0.20
-do- Accum	862.29	917.33	+ 7.66	0.20
European Inc	203.39	215.96	+ 1.45	0.56
Amalgam Inc	185.88	197.75		.
N America Inc	496.98	528.70	+ 2.36	
Far East Inc	333.20	354.47	- 9.08	0.39
-do- Accum	345.83	367.90	- 9.43	0.39
UK Dvdnd Inc	235.39	250.42	+ 6.44	0.81
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	134.82	143.68†	+ 0.12	
Do NAV to Jan 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	105.61	112.94		2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	954.11	958.88†		5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	346.10	367.10	+ 2.70	1.74
British Growth	81.22	86.86	+ 0.50	1.43
UK Small Cos	74.79	79.98†	+ 0.10	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	94.68	101.25	- 0.10	2.11
Geared UK Index	2151.05	2270.81†	+ 27.00	5.25
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	108.24	115.76†	- 0.80	4.24
Corp Bd	77.80	80.37	+ 0.03	.
Monthly Inc	41.45	44.20†	- 0.20	8.67
International Funds				
American Gen	294.20	311.40	+ 0.90	
American Strat	257.77	275.68	+ 1.90	
JG US Index	2203.81	2322.08†		4.00
European Gen	317.90	336.40	- 0.30	0.64
European Strat	137.52	147.07	- 0.20	..
Japan Gen	131.60	139.80	- 3.50	.
Japan Strat	45.16	48.19	- 0.60	
Asia Pacific	88.08	94.19	- 2.39	
Pacific Strat	151.00	161.48	- 5.50	
Greater China	301.02	321.95	- 12	
Latin America	124.41	133.05	- 3.30	
Intl Growth	174.52	186.64	- 1.10	
Balanced Exempt	156.70	162.30		2.26
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	685.80	732.60	+ 5.60	
Gilt & Fixed	135.00	143.20	+ 0.10	5.30
Growth Equity	498.90	533.00	+ 1.50	0.96
Income Trust	174.10	186.00	+ 0.50	3.68
International	226.70	242.10	- 0.50	
Japan Trust	108.00	115.30	- 3.60	.
Nth American	440.30	470.40	+ 2.40	
Pacific	496.30	530.20	- 14.20	0.02
Guardbill	710.10	758.80†	+ 2.50	0.88
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	96.33	99.96†	- 1.37	5.14
Global High Inc	94.80	98.39	+ 0.31	5.22
Stlg Bond Pflo	109.58	113.74	+ 0.08	6.62
Cautd Mgd Pflo	126.38	134.37	+ 0.48	4.84
European Pflo	150.73	160.27	+ 1.54	
World Mkts Pflo	81.45	86.61	+ 0.12	0.72
UK Eq Inc Pflo	162.88	173.18†	+ 0.65	3.28
-do- Accum	246.69	262.29	+ 0.98	3.28
Recovery	466.30	495.70	+ 0.50	2.98
-do- Accum	561.20	596.70	+ 0.60	2.98
St Vinc High Inc	137.02	139.07†	+ 0.58	7.02
UK Emerg Cos	306.30	325.60	+ 1.40	2.79
Inst UK Sm Co	397.30	404.30	+ 1.80	3.23
Glob Priv Tst	145.53	154.73	+ 0.27	0.65
-do- Accum	151.30	160.87	+ 0.27	0.65
Inc Share Tst	96.22	102.31†	+ 0.48	8.37
Small Cos	96.85	102.96†	+ 0.07	1.93
HK & China Tst	100.95	107.33	- 3.55	.
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	62.01	65.75†	+ 0.48	3.01
Balanced Acc	67.64	71.72	+ 0.52	3.01
Growth	38.66	40.99†	+ 0.42	1.70
Growth Acc	40.66	43.11	+ 0.44	1.70
Income	36.38	38.57	+ 0.03	3.92
Income Acc	40.34	42.77	+ 0.44	3.92
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	32.34	35.04	+ 0.41	2.69
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	102.10	105.60†		6.49
Model Ptflo	280.40	295.10	+ 1.30	1.66
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 330 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	49.94	52.99	- 0.06	2.87
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494849 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	387.12	414.21†	+ 1.32	0.52
Best of British	84.85	90.18	+ 0.47	1.77
UK Smaller Cos	156.31	168.02†	- 0.02	1.16
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	359.60	382.96	+ 1.90	3.30
-do- Accum #	1045.33	1113.22	+ 5.52	3.30
High Income	393.16	420.28†	+ 0.68	4.04
Extra Income #	330.96	351.97	+ 0.40	5.97
Pref & Bond	51.83	53.57†	+ 0.06	8.00
International				
Ethical	132.79	142.01†	+ 0.32	1.46
International	360.75	383.08	- 1.29	
Global Bond	54.10	56.96	+ 0.21	5.23
Ind Pod Tst	108.25	115.76	- 1.36	0.08
Global Tech	267.37	285.89	+ 2.81	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	182.17	194.73	- 4.06	
European	748.76	793.28	+ 3.62	0.20
European Income #	104.61	110.91†	- 0.06	5.29
Euro Smlr Cos	221.80	237.64	- 0.18	0.33
European Value	110.20	117.56		.
-do- Accum	119.00	126.95	- 0.01	
Japan Trust	171.85	182.85†	- 2.91	.
Japan Smlr Cos	150.06	159.58	- 2.47	
Pacific Smlr Cos	213.47	227.42	- 3.54	0.04
North American	401.21	425.41	+ 3.30	
American Smaller	215.46	229.44	+ 2.90	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	173.40	182.60†		5.01
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	147.27	154.16	- 0.75	1.54
Capital	227.68	238.41†	- 1.65	1.19
Dollar	613.07	641.96	- 3.54	
Enterprise Gth	477.52	500.02	- 4.17	0.59
European	329.21	344.72	+ 1.33	
Far East	264.79	277.27	- 10.99	0.55
Financial	1313.60	1375.50	- 10.23	1.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.50	28.60†	- 0.03	6.49
High Yield #	130.47	136.81	- 0.43	4.39
Income & Growth #	195.41	204.61	- 0.77	3.25
International	324.36	339.64†	- 2.02	0.35
Japanese General	167.44	175.33	- 6.89	
Japan Tech	77.62	81.27	- 3.43	.
Nat Resources	75.68	79.25	- 1.44	0.46
Portfolio	92.86	97.24	- 0.65	1.80
Special Sits	231.63	242.56†	- 3.85	0.21
UK Emerging Cos	130.33	136.48	- 3.13	1.17
US Smaller Cos	187.10	195.92	+ 2.63	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	752.70	803.30†	+ 3.70	4.73
UK Growth	814.40	869.20	+ 4.60	1.66
High Income #	133.30	142.30†	+ 0.60	5.58
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	766.20	809.50	+ 2.40	.
European Gwth	185.30	197.90	+ 1.50	.
Japan Gwth	251.60	267.40	- 5.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	24.65	26.31	- 0.18	.
Asia	53.66	57.27	- 1.64	0.08
Sing & Malay Gwth	60.33	64.39	- 1.01	..
Hong Kong Gwth	229.70	245.10	- 12.20	0.13
Global Bond	21.08	22.21	+ 0.09	4.72
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	199.10	200.10	+ 1.20	2.88
Trade Index	134.90	138.50†	+ 0.20	2.58
THE FOOTSIE FUND	80.61	81.01	+ 0.61	2.44
Index Funds-International				
American Index	368.40	370.90	+ 1.60	0.73
Eurotrack 100	236.00	237.20	+ 1.60	0.99
Japan Index	62.81	63.13	- 1.42	0.19
Tiger Index	141.30	144.80	- 3.30	0.81
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	51.93	54.23†	- 0.11	1.61
General Funds				
Managed Dist	97.57	101.90	- 0.10	1.06
Managed	101.30	105.70	...	1.06
Repat Child Fnd	126.70	132.30	+ 1.10	1.49
UK Growth	82.12	85.77	+ 0.45	1.28
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	99.10	103.50†	+ 0.50	5.19
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.99	28.92	+ 0.04	7.64
UK Inc & Gwth	56.90	59.43	+ 0.44	2.61
UK Income #	434.10	453.40	+ 2.50	4.14
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	77.79	80.46	+ 0.50	
Amer Smlr Cos	198.10	206.40	+ 3.02	
-do- Accum	200.20	208.50	+ 3.00	...
Europe Gth	280.00	292.40†	+ 2.50	
-do- Accum	290.00	302.90†	+ 2.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	51.01	53.11	+ 0.27	
French Growth	107.02	111.10	+ 0.10	0.03
-do- Accum	115.80	120.30	+ 0.10	0.03
H Kong & China	150.80	157.10	- 8.30	0.20
Intl Growth	76.38	79.58	- 0.39	0.38
-do- Accum	77.82	81.08	- 0.41	0.39
Japan Gth	24.28	25.31	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	24.28	25.31	- 0.70	
Japan Smaller Cos	24.94	26.03	- 0.26	.
Glob Emg Mkts	103.60	108.20	- 2.20	
-do- Accum	104.30	108.90	- 2.30	.
SE Asia	313.50	327.40	- 13.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.54	51.08†	+ 0.21	6.41
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
UK Income #	126.80	134.20	+ 0.90	3.04
UK Growth	131.10	138.70	+ 1.10	1.52
Hy 5 Europe	115.80	130.80	- 0.20	1.85
Slater Gwth	206.00	219.70	- 0.90	0.91
New Japan	69.48	73.37	- 1.42	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	209.70	223.00	+ 3.10	
Income #	252.37	268.47	+ 0.49	3.86
UK Growth	94.32	100.33	+ 0.21	1.84
Intl Growth	96.70	102.87†	- 0.80	0.54
Ecology	111.50	118.60	+ 0.55	0.74
European	237.45	252.61	- 0.03	0.20
Far Eastern	301.90	321.17	- 7.63	
UK Special Sits	61.44	65.53	+ 0.07	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.44	63.40	- 0.31	0.54
High Income #	57.67	61.51	+ 0.33	4.55
Financial Opps	48.75	52.00		.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354 -				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	103.90	107.30	- 1.60	6.70
Euro Priv Inc	120.60	128.30†	+ 0.40	2.75
-do- Accum	120.80	128.50†	+ 0.40	2.75
Gilt Yield	121.80	128.40	- 2.10	6.60
Global Income	258.40	274.90†	- 1.10	2.91
High Yield	189.80	201.90†	+ 2.30	4.62
-do- Accum	646.20	687.40†	+ 7.80	4.62
Money Market	101.07	101.07†	+ 0.04	6.58
Smlr Cos Div	64.86	69.00†	+ 0.03	3.75
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1107.00	1126.00	+ 15.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	193.30	205.60	+ 1.90	
Asian Growth	266.50	283.50	- 9.30	
-do- Accum	313.20	333.20	- 10.70	
North American	134.60	143.20	+ 0.20	
European Special	152.30	161.90	+ 0.70	.
European	211.60	225.10		0.57
-do- Accum	281.40	299.40	- 0.10	0.57
Global Eqty Inc	134.70	143.10†		1.59
Japan	355.10	377.70	- 10.90	
Japanese Special	178.30	189.70	- 5.00	
Smaller Cos	154.70	164.60	- 4.50	0.95
UK Equity Growth	60.56	64.43†	+ 0.72	1.11
UK Index Inc	400.70	402.70	+ 3.90	3.29
Bircham Tst	118.70	127.50†	- 3.30	1.57
-do- Accum	120.80	129.80†	- 3.30	1.57
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	363.27	386.46	+ 0.96	4.27
Esr Growth	121.89	129.67		1.16
Inc & Growth	79.60	84.68†	+ 0.21	3.53
Smaller Cos	100.49	106.90	- 0.04	1.18
Ever Spec Sit Inc	61.32	65.23	+ 0.12	1.76
Ever Spec Sit Acc	64.34	68.45	+ 0.13	1.76
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	534.10	566.70†	+ 3.30	1.54
UK Inc/Gth #	567.30	601.90†	+ 2.50	3.18
UK Income #	398.20	422.50†	+ 1.30	4.06
UK Sm Cos	308.50	330.00	- 2.90	1.78
Euro Gwth	182.10	192.20	+ 0.80	0.15
N Amer Gwth	151.80	161.00	+ 0.50	.
Pacific Growth	10.17	10.79	- 0.22	0.44
Emg Mkts Gwth	85.73	90.96	- 1.66	
Japan Growth	49.69	52.72	- 1.50	
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	78.80	83.33	- 1.37	0.63
Gwth Port Acc	80.49	85.12	- 1.02	0.63
Inc Port Inc	70.96	74.89†	- 0.58	3.64
Inc Port Acc	81.18	85.68†	- 0.66	3.54
Wwide Port	64.25	67.94	- 0.96	.
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	692.40	692.40	- 6.30	2.13
-do- Accum @	1465.00	1465.00	+ 8.00	2.13
Equity Income #	116.50	116.50†	+ 0.60	4.73
UK Tactical Allocn @	81.69	81.69	+ 0.64	5.05
European @	171.20	171.20†	+ 0.90	
Far Eastern @	209.10	209.10	- 9.60	
Fixed Interest @	57.52	57.32	+ 0.09	6.56
Gilt @	95.53	95.53	- 0.01	6.09
Global Growth @	86.41	86.41	- 1.84	
Intl Bond @	48.99	48.99†	+ 0.18	4.98
Japanese @	61.68	61.68	- 1.53	
North American @	275.70	275.70	- 1.50	
Pacific Growth @	113.70	113.70	- 3.00	0.07
Pacific Index @	42.51	42.51	- 0.82	2.19
UK Index @	91.59	91.59	+ 0.56	2.63
UK Recovery @	129.60	129.60	+ 0.40	1.43
UK Smaller Cos @	169.00	169.00†	+ 0.30	1.22
US Index @	107.90	107.90	+ 0.60	0.74
European Index @	108.10	108.10†	+ 0.70	0.96
Japan Index @	32.23	32.23	- 0.74	
Worldwide @	109.50	109.50		1.26
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	66.17	70.76	+ 0.47	2.07
Income	77.88	83.29	+ 0.65	3.78
Far East	41.92	44.83	- 0.97	
North American	163.30	174.20	+ 1.40	
Global	99.71	106.60	- 0.40	0.30
European	119.10	127.30	+ 0.30	0.63
Japan	79.80	85.07†	- 1.65	
Intl Currency Bd	57.06	60.44	+ 0.21	5.30
SE Asia	85.42	91.35	- 2.52	0.47
UK Cap Growth	120.00	128.30	+ 1.70	1.30
Recovery Trust	98.55	105.40	- 0.30	1.91
Managed	77.88	83.29†	- 0.43	1.57
Cash	51.22	51.22	+ 0.02	6.43
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	478.10	508.70	- 3.90	1.92
-do- Accum	1154.00	1228.00	- 9.00	1.92
Contl Euro Gth	94.72	99.71	+ 0.61	0.10
-do- Accum	102.50	107.90	+ 0.60	0.10
Extra Inc #	334.30	355.70	- 2.10	3.82
Extra Inc Acc #	947.80	1008.00	- 5.00	3.62
FTSE 100 Inc	148.80	158.40†	+ 1.00	2.05
FTSE 100 Acc	158.60	168.80	+ 1.00	2.05
German Gth	169.50	178.50	+ 3.30	
-do- Accum	177.80	187.20	+ 3.50	
Growth Port	742.20	789.60	+ 2.10	0.10
-do- Accum	773.40	822.80	+ 2.10	0.10
High Interest Inc	106.10	110.00	+ 0.10	6.83
High Interest Acc	117.60	121.90		6.83
Hi Reserve Inc #	117.30	124.80†	+ 0.30	5.69
Hi Reserve Acc #	134.00	142.60	+ 0.40	5.69
Income Inc #	661.10	703.30	- 4.80	3.15
Income Acc #	1919.00	2042.00	- 13.00	3.15
Income Port	645.50	686.80†	+ 2.10	4.02
-do- Accum	749.50	797.40	+ 2.50	4.02
Japan Growth	85.17	90.61	- 3.14	..
-do- Accum	85.47	90.93	- 3.15	
Master Trust	74.57	79.33	+ 0.10	1.09
-do- Accum	87.61	93.21	+ 0.13	1.09
Millennium Acc	113.20	120.50		2.00
N American Gen	304.90	324.40	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	352.80	375.40	+ 0.18	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	226.20	240.70	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	230.90	245.70	+ 0.60	
Pacific Basin	219.00	233.00	- 5.80	
-do- Accum	233.40	248.30	- 6.20	
Safety First Acc	107.20	112.90	+ 0.50	1.75
Do until 12/5/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Rec	537.60	565.90	+ 0.90	1.98
-do- Accum	748.40	787.80	+ 1.20	1.98
UK Eq Gth	195.80	208.30	- 1.70	2.23
UK Eq Inc #	155.90	165.90	- 1.10	3.72
UK Growth	124.30	132.30†	+ 0.50	1.61
-do- Accum	158.70	168.90	+ 0.60	1.61
Worldwide Gth	394.00	419.20	- 0.70	0.38
-do- Accum	582.90	620.20	- 1.00	0.38
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	110.31	117.98	+ 0.39	0.30
General	126.93	136.19	+ 0.54	2.30
Income	83.79	89.90†	- 2.09	4.60
International	79.64	85.45	- 0.56	0.40
Japan	49.65	53.11†	- 1.53	
Tst of Inv Trusts	83.57	89.65	- 0.48	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	653.70	690.00†	+ 2.50	0.20
-do- Accum	819.70	865.20†	+ 3.10	0.20
Amer Recovery	821.40	868.60	+ 7.10	
-do- Accum	950.00	1004.50	+ 8.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	190.90	201.90†	+ 1.50	
-do- Accum	195.00	206.20†	+ 1.50	...
Australasian	218.30	230.90†	- 0.90	2.07
-do- Accum	279.30	295.30†	- 1.20	2.07
Capital	1040.60	1100.40†	+ 4.70	2.78
-do- Accum	1273.40	1346.50†	+ 5.70	2.78
Charifund	898.70	902.70†	+ 5.80	5.30
-do- Accum	4844.30	4862.80†	+ 31.00	5.30
Commodity	464.20	490.90†	- 1.30	0.53
-do- Accum	687.80	727.40†	- 2.09	0.53
Compound Gth	1249.10	1320.90	+ 13.30	2.66
-do- Accum	1396.90	1477.20	+ 14.90	2.66
Corporate Bond	27.57	27.66	+ 0.02	6.70
Dividend	50.10	53.00	+ 0.40	4.48
-do- Accum	230.90	244.30	+ 1.50	4.48
Equity Income	351.70	371.90†	+ 1.00	5.35
-do- Accum	509.70	538.90†	+ 1.40	5.35
Euro & General	732.30	774.40	+ 5.80	0.55
-do- Accum	945.20	999.50	+ 7.40	0.55
Euro Dividend	90.58	95.70	+ 0.70	3.45
-do- Accum	118.60	125.40	+ 0.90	3.45
Euro Smlr Cos	57.60	60.90		0.50
-do- Accum	57.80	61.10		0.50
Extra Yield	536.00	566.80	- 3.80	4.69
-do- Accum	1840.00	1946.00	+ 13.20	4.69
Fund of Inv Tsts	753.40	796.70	4.80	1.37
-do- Accum	1469.80	1554.30	9.40	1.37
General	81.70	86.40	+ 0.70	3.54
-do- Accum	248.30	262.80	+ 2.30	3.54
Gilt Income	65.22	65.32†	- 0.11	6.30
-do- Accum	208.82	209.16†	- 0.37	6.30
Gold	55.40	58.60	+ 0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	66.80	70.60	+ 0.33	0.90
High Income	37.80	40.00	+ 0.30	4.42
-do- Accum	168.20	177.80	- 1.10	4.42
Intl Growth	94.30	99.70†	- 0.40	0.69
-do- Accum	168.00	177.60†	- 0.70	0.69
International Inc	124.70	131.90	+ 0.20	4.01
-do- Accum	202.80	214.50	+ 0.40	4.01
Japan & Gen	31.50	33.20	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	33.80	35.70	- 0.70	..
Japan Smlr Cos	107.20	113.40	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	108.00	114.20	- 0.70	
Managed Gwth	28.80	30.50	+ 0.10	1.48
Managed Income	32.90	34.50†	+ 0.20	4.17
Midland	62.80	66.40	+ 0.10	3.09
-do- Accum	223.40	236.40	+ 0.40	3.09
Pension Ex	1227.40	1258.10	- 10.30	3.72
Recovery	52.10	55.30	+ 0.30	2.78
-do- Accum	92.10	97.40	- 0.40	2.79
Second General	80.80	85.40	+ 0.50	3.93
-do- Accum	226.30	239.50	+ 1.50	3.93
Smaller Cos	64.80	68.50†	+ 0.10	3.15
-do- Accum	137.80	145.70†	+ 0.20	3.15
Sth East Asia	339.90	359.40†	- 11.80	1.55
-do- Accum	459.90	486.30†	- 16.00	1.55
Treasury	25.11	25.16†	+ 0.01	6.58
Trustee	49.10	51.90	+ 0.20	4.73
-do- Accum	217.80	230.40	+ 0.90	4.73
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	124.46	132.40	+ 0.92	0.54
Intl Bond	62.48	65.63	+ 0.16	3.53
Intl Equity Growth	94.95	100.88	- 0.38	0.47
N Amer Growth	166.87	177.06	- 0.03	0.59
Special Sits Growth	32.38	34.44	- 0.28	2.08
UK Growth	540.95	575.47	+ 2.72	2.42
-do- Accum	754.56	802.72	+ 3.78	2.42
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1540.20	1581.40		2.70
Income #	1139.50	1157.60†		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	186.30	190.60		3.65
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	99.83	102.90†	+ 0.30	6.45
M & S Inv Ptflo	200.90	207.30	+ 0.90	2.04
-do- Accum	243.50	251.00	+ 1.10	2.04
UK Sel Ptflo	185.60	191.30	+ 0.90	2.07
-do- Accum	228.40	235.40	+ 2.30	2.07
UK 100 Cos	143.10	143.10†	- 0.30	2.36
-do- Accum	148.90	148.90	+ 1.90	2.36
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	74.70	79.47		3.12
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	95.60	101.70	- 0.60	3.49
European	120.40	127.80	- 0.30	0.35
Income #	96.37	102.30†	- 0.40	3.87
Nth American	123.50	131.10	- 0.20	0.09
Far East	175.40	186.20	- 4.60	0.19
Japan	59.72	63.40	- 1.19	
Emgng Mkts	98.46	105.30	- 2.60	0.43
Intl Growth	151.10	160.40	- 2.20	0.26
UK Growth	139.50	148.10	- 0.20	2.55
UK Smlr Co	64.53	68.50	- 0.07	1.74
Asia Pacific	36.10	38.61	- 0.89	0.53
Glob Gwth PEP	72.50	76.96	- 0.56	0.59
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	111.60	118.80	- 1.80	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	543.06	577.71†	- 7.59	3.10
Global Inc	85.02	90.45†	- 0.69	2.37
Brit Leaders Inc	429.69	457.12†	- 3.67	1.91
Intl Leaders	277.95	295.69†	+ 1.52	0.59
PAM Mg Bal Gth	75.65	78.77†	- 0.79	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	337.40	355.70	+ 2.200	
-do- Accum	360.80	380.40	+ 2.400	
American Opps	141.20	150.20	+ 2.000	
-do- Accum	143.00	152.10	+ 2.100	.
British Blue Chip	116.10	123.30	+ 0.600	2.44
-do- Accum	151.40	160.80	- 0.800	2.44
Cash	100.70	100.70	+ 0.100	6.47
-do- Accum	154.50	154.50	+ 0.100	6.47
Emerging Mkts	154.50	165.10	- 3.90	0.19
-do- Accum	156.70	169.50	- 3.90	0.18
European Growth	394.60	417.60†	+ 2.800	0.46
-do- Accum	430.50	455.80†	+ 3.200	0.46
European Income	98.74	104.30	+ 0.300	3.88
-do- Accum	148.70	157.20	+ 0.400	3.88
General	674.90	717.80†	- 1.60	2.30
-do- Accum	1407.00	1497.00†	+ 6.000	2.20
Global Bond	128.40	134.90		4.02
-do- Accum	174.40	183.30		4.02
Gold & General	164.00	176.30	+ 0.900	0.42
-do- Accum	169.70	182.50	+ 1.000	0.42
Govt Securities	97.65	100.60		5.78
-do- Accum	214.90	221.50		5.78
High Yield Bd	104.60	107.30†	- 1.40	6.62
-do- Accum	117.50	120.40†	+ 0.100	6.62
Income	222.70	236.80†	+ 0.800	3.80
-do- Accum	382.50	406.70†	+ 1.400	3.80
Inc Portfolio #	123.30	130.70	+ 0.100	4.90
-do- Accum #	139.20	147.50	+ 0.100	4.90
Intl Opps	640.70	683.40	- 0.50	0.72
-do- Accum	870.50	928.50	- 0.80	0.72
Japan	161.90	172.70	- 5.00	
-do- Accum	166.20	177.30	- 5.10	
New Europe	278.50	297.10	+ 0.600	0.94
-do- Accum	292.40	311.90	+ 0.600	0.94
Pacific	95.44	101.80	- 2.90	0.21
-do- Accum	103.00	109.90	- 3.10	0.21
Recovery	531.80	567.30	+ 1.900	1.60
-do- Accum	708.20	756.40	+ 2.500	1.60
UK Smaller Cos	63.06	67.26†	+ 0.050	1.51
-do- Accum	73.84	78.76†	+ 0.060	1.51
Portfolio	104.90	111.30	+ 0.300	2.63
-do- Accum	131.20	139.20	+ 0.200	2.63
Managed Gth	136.10	142.40	- 0.50	1.78
Managed Inc	132.80	137.90	+ 0.300	3.91
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	185.32	197.15	+ 1.45	0.12
Portfolio	90.95	96.76	- 0.01	1.24
UK Income Inc	107.62	114.49	- 2.20	4.13
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	76.91	80.53	+ 0.08	2.57
-do- Accum	86.07	90.13	+ 0.09	2.57
British Tst	127.90	133.90	+ 0.80	1.94
-do- Accum	156.30	163.70	+ 1.00	1.94
Corp Bond Inc	102.30	106.80†		6.51
-do- Accum	110.40	114.40†		6.51
Extra High Inc	79.61	83.36	+ 0.27	6.13
-do- Accum #	178.90	187.30	+ 0.60	6.13
FTSE 100 Acc	87.22	91.33	+ 0.69	2.46
FTSE 100 Dist	80.27	84.05	+ 0.64	2.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.36	59.68†	- 0.73	6.14
-do- Accum	190.10	197.80†	- 2.40	6.14
High Yield	274.00	286.90	+ 0.80	5.49
-do- Accum #	785.90	822.90	+ 2.30	5.49
Household Names	171.58	112.10†	+ 0.60	1.28
Income	375.70	393.40†	+ 1.70	3.95
-do- Accum #	913.90	957.00†	+ 4.10	3.95
Money Market UT	49.43	49.44†	+ 0.02	5.94
-do- Accum	66.56	66.57†	+ 0.03	5.94
Monthly Income	108.70	113.80†	+ 0.50	3.98
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	163.00	173.40	+ 1.00	1.91
European Growth	166.90	176.90	- 1.70	
Gilt & Fixed	107.30	113.80	- 1.30	6.17
Income	125.70	133.70	+ 0.60	3.87
Japan Growth	41.93	44.45	- 0.66	
Managed	94.66	100.70	+ 0.10	2.38
Money Market	98.95	106.00	+ 0.10	5.15
North American	136.10	144.30	- 2.20	
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	147.80	157.20	+ 0.90	1.91
European Growth	156.60	166.00	- 1.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	100.50	106.60	- 1.10	6.18
Income	123.10	131.00	+ 0.70	3.87
Japan Growth	41.80	44.31	- 0.65	.
Managed	90.41	96.18	+ 0.15	2.38
Money Market	92.10	97.65	+ 0.04	5.15
North American	122.00	129.30	- 2.00	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	146.40	155.70	+ 0.80	1.91
European Growth	153.00	162.20	- 1.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.22	95.68	- 1.16	6.20
Income	119.60	127.20	+ 0.70	3.87
Japan Growth	42.90	45.48	- 0.67	
Managed	93.15	99.10	+ 0.16	2.37
Money Market	83.36	88.37	+ 0.03	5.17
North American	136.50	144.70	- 2.40	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	571.40	604.70†	+ 6.00	
European Gth Inc	629.80	669.60	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	636.70	676.90	+ 2.60	
Intl Gwth	265.70	281.10	- 0.30	..
UK Equity Inc	253.40	269.50	+ 1.30	3.82
Do. Accum	350.90	373.20	+ 1.90	3.82
UK Growth Inc	147.00	157.40†	+ 0.80	3.04
-do- Accum	153.10	163.90†	+ 0.80	3.04
UK Ind Trckr Inc	228.50	244.00†	+ 1.40	2.74
-do- Accum	288.90	308.40†	+ 1.70	2.74
US Eq Ind Trkr Inc	354.80	375.00	+ 0.90	0.86
Japan Tracker	58.31	61.51	- 1.40	.
Asian Tracker	198.80	214.80	- 6.30	0.34
Mngd Ptflo Inc	308.00	322.10	+ 0.30	1.59
Mngd Ptflo Acc	230.90	245.90	+ 0.40	1.59
Deposit Inc	100.29	100.29†	+ 0.04	6.68
Europa	269.80	289.60†	- 0.60	
Genesis	219.40	238.70	+ 0.40	2.38
High Income	21.13	22.40†	+ 0.09	10.00
Japan Growth	88.05	93.42†	- 1.90	.

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0345 090 935				
Acumen	119.70	122.30	0.50	1.96
Acumen Inc	107.70	110.00	- 0.40	1.58
Acumen Reserve	103.33	104.20†		6.69
-do- Inc	76.52	77.26†	- 0.01	6.69
American Growth	85.16	87.10	- 0.07	
Equity Income #	121.80	129.90	1.70	3.65
European	92.22	97.67†	- 0.72	
Smaller Cos	98.64	102.90	0.30	1.20
W'wide Eqty	56.89	59.71†	+ 0.06	
Global Bond	41.51	41.95†	+ 0.06	4.95
UK Growth	129.80	132.90		1.02
Pacific Growth	107.20	110.20	- 3.10	1.23
Japan Growth	83.10	89.65	- 2.32	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 291 010				
Avon Equity	177.57	188.90	+ 2.12	1.69
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	154.50	162.60	- 1.50	
European Dist	178.30	187.70	- 0.90	0.13
Far East Dist	160.60	169.10†	- 4.80	
Global Care Dist	96.75	101.87	+ 0.35	0.53
Oseas Dist	1185.90	1248.30†	- 15.50	
-do- Accum	1545.70	1627.10	- 15.60	
UK Dist	505.90	532.60	+ 3.50	1.94
-do- Accum	1048.90	1104.10	- 7.30	1.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	103.80	109.30†	- 0.30	3.58
Wwide Dist	126.50	133.20	- 1.10	
Wwide Inc Dist	97.35	102.48	- 0.33	1.62
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq. 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	93.72	99.91	- 0.39	0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	76.85	81.11	- 0.16	1.23
North America Inc	81.96	86.50	+ 0.67	0.10
UK Equity Gth Inc	80.05	84.49	- 0.21	1.89
-do- Accum	87.81	92.68	- 0.23	1.89
UK General Inc	78.20	82.53	- 0.32	1.95
-do- Accum	87.63	92.49	- 0.36	1.95
UK Gilt Fix Int Inc	48.76	51.37		6.11
UK Income Inc	75.92	80.13†	+ 0.31	3.00
UK Smlr Cos Inc	123.60	130.40	+ 0.10	1.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	64.66	68.77	+ 0.55	
-do- Accum	65.16	69.31	+ 0.66	
Bond	131.06	139.12	+ 0.56	4.79
Cash Income	50.80	50.80	- 0.02	5.93
-do- Accum	71.92	71.92	- 0.03	5.93
Challenger	92.10	95.13	- 0.20	1.37
Distributor	119.29	125.94†	- 0.44	2.56
European	69.23	73.64	+ 0.45	
Foundation	125.29	133.28†	- 1.61	1.53
General Inc	260.64	277.27	- 0.82	0.87
General Acc	266.30	283.19	- 0.84	0.87
Growth Inc	161.25	171.54	- 0.56	1.54
Growth Acc	167.25	177.92	+ 0.57	1.54
Higher Income Inc	27.10	29.48†	- 0.80	5.41
-do- Accum	47.04	50.04†	+ 0.11	5.41
Income	211.26	221.12	- 1.83	3.42
Intrepid	169.77	175.84		1.05
Intl Gwth	44.67	47.52	- 0.40	
Japan	26.87	28.58†	- 0.66	.
Oriental Inc	137.03	145.82†	- 2.33	0.08
-do- Accum	142.15	151.22†	- 2.41	0.08
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2565				
High Income #	53.51	56.62	- 0.08	5.85
UK Growth	120.40	128.00	.	2.59
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	155.90	162.60†	- 2.18	0.77
UK Equity	196.91	207.22†	- 1.29	2.83
UK Equity Income	177.53	185.67	+ 0.57	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	152.94	160.99	+ 0.25	1.39
UK Spec Growth	168.00	176.66	+ 0.42	1.29
UK Index Trckg	199.35	210.40†	+ 1.82	2.47
Intl Index Trckg	153.59	164.62†	- 0.20	0.65
International	306.61	322.61	- 0.16	0.73
European	300.73	319.96†	- 1.27	
Pan European	204.52	215.19	+ 1.38	0.93
Nth American	297.25	312.89	+ 4.74	0.25
N Amer Smlr Cos	324.20	341.26	- 3.35	
Japanese	62.52	66.97	- 1.79	
Pacific	228.45	220.41	- 5.06	0.99
South East Asian	235.89	248.30	- 7.40	0.76
Sterling Bond	104.87	110.33	+ 0.09	6.58
Intl Bond	120.37	127.44†	- 0.21	3.91
Gilt & Convertible	113.81	119.90	+ 0.11	5.94
Property	99.15	32.84	+ 0.12	5.51
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 758 566				
European Inc	421.50	454.70	+ 1.70	0.21
-do- Accum	448.50	483.20	+ 1.70	0.21
Japan Inc	32.61	34.91	- 2.64	
Nth American Inc	195.90	207.30†	+ 0.90	0.07
Worldwide Inc	209.50	221.50†	- 0.40	0.08
Hong Kong Inc	222.50	238.30†	9.50	0.43
Swiss Equities Inc	107.10	114.40	+ 1.00	
Wwide Bond Inc	67.00	70.89†	- 0.61	4.75
Emrgng Asia Inc	169.20	182.50	- 5.60	
-do- Accum	169.90	125.10	- 5.60	
UK Mone. Mkt Inc	50.21	50.21†	- 0.01	5.75
Thailand Inc	52.35	56.37	+ 0.23	2.60
New Zealand Inc	102.53	109.30	- 0.40	1.55
Wl Mngd PEP Inc	62.58	65.68	- 0.01	0.34
Latin Am Corp Inc	87.34	93.72	- 1.36	0.42
UK 40 St Mkt Inc	88.14	94.52	+ 0.50	2.12
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Star	93.17	94.95	- 1.32	
Sietel Portfolio	79.65	85.42	- 1.29	
Way Global Rec	77.30	74.73	- 1.13	
March Global Eqt	67.43	71.51	- 0.55	
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	124.90	132.90	+ 0.90	0.72
Temple Equity Inc	52.15	56.57		1.62
Hadley Growth	135.40	144.00†	- 0.40	0.69
Intl Growth Inc	29.79	31.75	- 1.50	
IFS Portfolio Inc	105.60	111.70	- 0.90	
Roxburgh Strat Str	82.25	87.97	- 0.01	0.16
UPC Growth	71.95	76.69	- 0.65	0.62
Chartfield Pod of Fds	59.53	62.55	- 0.95	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3953				
Equity Gth	262.70	279.50	- 1.00	0.64
European Gth	157.80	167.50	- 0.60	0.25
Income & Gth #	178.10	185.50†	- 0.30	2.80
Japan Gth	93.59	99.48	- 2.82	.
Nth Amer Gth	283.00	300.10	- 0.60	0.09
Overseas Gth	137.20	145.60	- 1.40	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	329.50	350.50	- 2.10	1.78
-do- Accum	736.20	783.10	- 4.70	1.78
Growth	211.00	222.00	+ 1.20	2.20
Income	315.60	335.70	+ 1.30	3.28
Intl Equity	329.70	328.60†	- 2.50	0.12
-do- Accum	347.30	369.50	- 1.50	0.12
Equity Income #	94.27	99.64	- 0.87	4.79
Equity Growth	110.80	117.30	- 0.50	1.37
New Europe	124.60	132.40	+ 1.10	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	795.50	850.01†	- 1.25	0.23
-do- Accum	800.45	855.29	- 1.26	0.23
Income	534.51	571.67	+ 6.49	2.65
Wwide Recovery	522.30	558.61	- 1.34	0.14
Amer Growth Inc	362.74	385.39	+ 2.71	0.01
-do- Accum	362.74	385.39	+ 2.71	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	308.15	329.58	- 1.87	0.01
Far Esrn Gth Inc	301.40	322.36	- 5.82	0.57
-do- Accum	305.16	326.38	- 5.90	0.57
Euro Gwth Inc	227.99	243.13	+ 1.94	0.01
-do- Accum	228.79	243.97	+ 1.95	0.01
UK Growth Inc	135.40	144.92	+ 1.55	2.38
-do- Accum	148.82	159.17	+ 1.70	2.38
High Income	137.24	146.79	+ 1.66	3.11
Jap Gwth Inc	163.20	174.55	- 2.43	0.01
-do- Accum	163.20	174.55	- 2.43	0.01
PEP Bond	61.58	64.22	+ 0.07	7.05
PEP Growth	169.44	181.07	+ 0.10	0.43
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	125.67	134.41	- 6.20	0.03
-do- Accum	126.07	134.84	- 6.23	0.03
Amer Smlr Co Inc	237.51	252.80	+ 1.73	0.01
-do- Accum	237.51	252.90	+ 1.73	0.01
Global Bond	54.49	57.44	- 1.03	4.98
UK Smaller Cos Inc	111.76	119.53	+ 0.30	1.98
-do- Accum	121.05	129.47	+ 0.33	1.98
Lat Am Gwth Inc	45.49	48.66	- 1.04	0.01
-do- Accum	46.23	49.45	- 1.05	0.01
World Inc PEP #	49.68	52.58	+ 0.01	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	165.32	175.87	- 1.54	
European	115.08	122.43†	- 207.00	
Global	73.20	77.87	- 2.01	
Pacific	56.30	59.67	- 2.23	
UK Inc & Gth	90.56	96.33†	- 1.18	1.41
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 838 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890				
Asia	55.97	59.39	- 1.52	.
Emerg Mkts	53.45	58.71†	- 0.75	0.28
Euro Fund	49.04	52.03	- 0.74	
Fund of Funds	221.79	233.46	- 3.51	0.03
High Income #	57.68	60.72†	- 0.59	5.76
Performance	54.76	58.10	- 0.92	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	237.60	254.10	0.90	0.51
Dividend	112.90	120.70†	- 0.30	3.73
Intl Gth & Inc	270.10	287.60	- 1.30	1.38
UK & Gen	54.67	58.47†	+ 0.01	1.17
Fund of Funds	83.38	89.07	- 1.21	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	192.18	199.78†	+ 1.71	2.29
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	150.20	159.40†	+ 0.90	2.06
Conv & Gilt	126.60	134.70	+ 0.20	4.39
Euro Spc Sit Acc	119.10	126.70	+ 0.20	.
Extra Income	208.30	221.60†	+ 0.20	4.14
-do- Accum	279.40	297.20	+ 0.30	4.14
Far East	375.80	399.80	- 8.90	0.13
-do- Accum	383.70	408.20	- 10.10	0.13
Global Income	29.84	31.66†	- 0.03	4.35
High Income	158.10	168.20	- 0.70	4.01
-do- Accum	206.90	220.10	- 0.90	4.01
International	242.39	257.80	- 2.20	0.22
-do- Accum	252.40	268.50	- 2.30	0.22
Pref & Fxd Int	48.90	52.03†	+ 0.15	6.21
Recovery	98.76	105.10	+ 0.30	2.42
Special Sits	159.80	170.00	+ 0.20	1.63
-do- Accum	179.50	190.90	+ 0.20	1.63
Technology	854.10	908.60	+ 7.60	
UK Blue Chip	103.90	110.58	+ 0.30	2.79
-do- Accum	124.40	132.40	+ 0.40	2.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 635500				
Managed Tst	49.30	51.09	...	1.72
Cash Haven Inc	101.14	101.64†	+ 0.05	6.14
Cash Haven Acc	123.38	123.99	+ 0.06	6.14
Dist Trust Inc	114.81	118.97†	+ 0.42	5.04
Dist Trust Acc	134.62	139.50	+ 0.49	5.04
Global Growth	116.47	123.90†	+ 0.06	0.74
Equity Inc	98.20	104.47†	+ 0.45	4.12
Equity	1031.22	1097.04	- 3.65	1.75
European	324.06	335.81	+ 2.51	0.33
High Income	102.99	109.56	+ 0.19	4.78
Intl Gth	239.58	254.87†	- 0.50	0.92
Intl Sm Co	101.32	107.79	- 0.05	0.73
Japanese	183.59	189.94†	- 3.56	.
Mgd Income Tst #	50.09	51.77	+ 0.02	7.63
Nth Amer	305.19	315.84	+ 1.86	0.78
Pacific Mkts	101.83	105.52†	- 7.20	1.39
Premier Inc	49.12	51.11†	+ 0.03	6.12
Sm Cos	112.20	119.36	+ 0.04	1.65
Spec Sits	143.78	152.96	+ 0.78	1.84
UK Growth	173.14	184.19†	+ 0.88	1.79
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	94.42	99.29†	- 2.39	3.56
Investment Trust	128.06	134.66†	- 1.35	0.32
UK Smaller Cos	113.92	119.79†	+ 0.65	1.71
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	405.70	430.40	+ 1.70	2.14
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	909.41	961.85	+ 3.38	.
America (Acc)	1065.56	1127.01	+ 3.97	
Amer Smllr Cos	81.83	86.79	+ 0.94	
Asia	46.17	49.44	- 1.43	
European	479.78	509.84	+ 4.19	.
Japan	191.82	204.36	- 5.26	
Jap Smllr Cos	27.97	29.81	- 0.82	
Major UK Cos	137.38	146.41	+ 0.59	1.06
Smllr UK Cos	451.06	491.37	+ 1.39	0.97
UK Equity Inc #	208.40	222.66	+ 0.36	3.42
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.47	52.70	- 2.09	
Cash	48.24	50.34		3.81
Emerging Mkts	56.66	59.17	- 1.28	
Europe	72.36	75.57	- 1.08	
Global Fixed Int #	49.32	51.50	- 0.04	4.44
Japan	36.12	37.72	- 0.63	
North America	83.14	86.83	- 0.72	
UK	75.38	78.70	- 0.66	0.42
UK Equity Inc #	65.56	72.63	- 0.45	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	52.19	54.49	+ 0.02	6.90
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	57.27	59.34	- 0.73	
Pep Inc Port #	56.88	58.94	0.41	2.84
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	161.30	171.00†	- 0.90	0.25
Pacific Basin	77.73	79.06	- 1.96	0.32
High Inc Dist	192.90	205.30	- 1.30	3.44
Ryl Life Inv Chrs	66.22	69.92†	- 0.46	4.06
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	88.46	94.12	- 1.39	.
Ryl Life Intl Spec	78.05	83.03	1.18	
UK Emerging Cos	136.30	147.30		1.19
UK Index Trckg	235.20	249.80	- 1.20	3.21
European	206.70	221.50	- 4.30	0.15
Managed	205.80	221.20†	- 2.10	0.88
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	240.40	255.20†	1.80	1.04
European Growth	175.50	186.70†	- 2.90	1.16
Far East Growth	152.30	162.10†	- 6.00	0.87
Japan Growth	105.90	112.50	- 3.10	0.51
Special Sits	262.80	279.50	- 0.60	1.62
UK Growth	121.90	129.60	- 0.50	2.64
Intl Growth	322.80	343.50	5.10	1.68
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	155.30	164.30		0.31
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	506.60	536.10		0.48
-do- Accum	795.00	841.30		0.48
Growth Inc	175.20	185.40		0.13
-do- Accum	180.20	190.70		0.13
International Inc	462.60	487.30		0.15
-do- Accum	638.90	676.10		0.15
Nth Am & Intl Inc	485.90	514.20		
UK Gen Prog Inc	283.30	299.80		1.74
-do- Accum	329.30	347.30	..	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	169.00	178.80		4.44
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	120.62	128.32	- 3.22	0.75
European Gwth	114.27	121.56	+ 0.87	1.00
Global Bd	59.88	63.24†	0.11	5.00
Japan	48.49	51.58	- 0.77	
UK Gwth	99.94	106.31	+ 0.47	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	185.40	197.20	+ 2.20	
Cash	140.60	140.60	+ 0.10	6.51
China Dragon	85.59	91.05	- 5.34	0.33
Commodity	142.10	151.20	- 2.40	
Emerging Mkts	43.30	46.06	- 1.65	0.39
European Gwth	287.30	305.60	- 0.70	
Euro Smllr Cos	79.44	84.51	- 0.14	
Extra Income #	63.74	66.05†	- 0.04	5.30
Far Eastern	91.87	97.73	- 2.57	
FE Sm Cos	42.19	44.88	- 0.83	0.65
Financial Secs	390.00	414.90	- 0.30	1.37
Gold & Exploration	61.88	65.83	- 2.26	
Growth	521.90	524.50	- 1.20	1.54
High Income	51.08	51.08†	+ 0.02	6.83
Intl Bond	156.30	164.90†	- 3.60	5.30
ITU	259.90	276.50	- 4.90	0.81
Japan Growth	138.40	146.70†	- 3.20	
Japan Smaller	125.10	132.70	- 0.80	
Korea	37.63	40.03	- 1.80	
Latin America	54.05	57.50	- 1.66	0.23
Masterfund	71.49	71.85	- 1.10	0.77
Premier Eq Gth	196.30	208.80	- 0.38	0.78
Premier Eq Inc #	426.40	453.60	- 0.50	4.13
SE Asia	42.96	45.70	- 2.20	0.01
Southern Africa	57.81	61.50†	- 0.45	1.17
UK & O'seas	228.70	243.30	- 2.40	1.17
UK Eqty Gth	97.76	104.00	- 0.10	0.90
UK Eqty Inc #	303.30	322.70	- 3.10	4.02
UK Gth & Inc #	355.50	378.20†	- 3.70	2.85
UK Sm Cos	61.73	65.67	- 1.34	1.07
US Growth	271.00	288.30	+ 1.80	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	418.16	441.64	+ 2.58	0.80
-do- Accum	464.14	490.20	+ 2.87	0.80
European Gwth	108.12	114.65	+ 0.72	0.22
Euro Smllr Cos	125.66	133.80	+ 0.34	
-do- Accum	127.47	135.73	+ 0.34	
Far Eastern Gth	102.33	109.15†	- 2.54	
-do- Accum	104.31	111.26†	- 2.58	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	53.70	56.57	- 1.73	7.52
Global Bond #	46.64	48.08†	+ 0.02	5.95
-do- Accum #	58.27	60.20†	+ 0.03	5.95
Global Emer Mkts	58.40	62.29	- 1.39	
-do- Accum	58.46	62.34	- 1.40	...
Income #	479.56	511.52†	+ 3.09	4.65
-do- Accum #	1689.19	1801.80†	+ 10.88	4.65
Japan Smllr Cos	286.43	305.52†	- 5.23	
-do- Accum	287.00	306.13†	- 5.24	
Japan Enterprise	58.90	62.82	- 1.57	
Pacific Gwth	142.21	151.69†	- 5.95	0.47
-do- Accum	147.84	157.69†	- 6.19	0.47
Portfolio	106.23	113.23†	+ 0.21	1.74
-do- Accum	120.06	127.98†	+ 0.24	1.74
Seoul	31.34	33.42	- 1.14	.
-do- Accum	31.34	33.42	- 1.14	.
Smaller Cos	355.17	378.84	+ 0.33	1.03
-do- Accum	425.38	453.73	+ 0.39	1.03
Strategic Inc	110.96	118.35†	- 0.06	2.85
Strategic Acc	113.83	121.41†	- 0.07	2.85
Tokyo	118.11	125.98	- 2.90	
-do- Accum	119.30	127.25	- 2.94	
UK Enterprise	379.41	404.70	+ 3.26	2.10
-do- Accum	480.40	512.42	+ 4.12	2.10
UK Equity	355.34	379.02	+ 3.44	2.34
-do- Accum	734.26	783.21	+ 7.12	2.34
US Smllr Cos	315.43	335.84	+ 3.06	
-do- Accum	315.43	335.84	+ 3.06	
Institutional Funds				
European	351.62	364.58†	+ 3.51	0.89
-do- Accum	400.71	415.48†	+ 3.99	0.89
Euro Smllr Cos	40.57	42.26	- 0.18	0.97
-do- Accum	44.04	45.87	- 0.20	0.97
Global Equity Inc	102.63	106.90	- 0.67	0.93
Japan Smllr Cos	27.54	28.68	- 0.39	0.12
-do- Accum	27.85	29.01	- 0.39	0.12
Mngd Balanced	245.84	256.08†	+ 0.08	3.92
-do- Accum	296.02	308.35†	+ 0.09	3.92
Overseas Equity	235.31	245.10	- 1.72	0.79
-do- Accum	248.87	259.23	- 1.82	0.79
Oseas Smllr Cos	139.04	144.83†	- 0.71	0.74
-do- Accum	148.25	154.42†	- 0.76	0.74
Pacific	253.35	263.90	- 8.55	1.54
-do- Accum	283.82	295.64	- 9.58	1.54
Recovery	2604.86	2713.39†	+ 8.30	3.05
-do- Accum	2943.24	3065.87†	+ 11.18	3.05
UK Index	219.63	228.78†	+ 3.00	2.99
-do- Accum	291.24	303.36†	+ 3.97	2.99
UK Small Cos	150.90	157.18†	+ 0.17	2.60
-do- Accum	170.98	178.10†	+ 0.20	2.60
US Smllr Cos	83.34	86.58	+ 0.72	0.42
-do- Accum	85.74	89.08	+ 0.74	0.42
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	70.53	74.59	- 0.55	2.30
Equity Trust	91.26	96.51	- 0.67	2.60
Equity Strategy	100.10	105.86	- 0.42	1.33
European Opps	123.61	130.72	- 2.32	
UK Smaller Cos	80.25	84.86	+ 0.22	1.71
Maximum Inc	98.65	101.22	+ 0.04	7.86
Japanese	61.46	64.99	- 1.25	.
Asia Pacific	104.30	110.30	- 2.53	0.49
American	171.58	181.45	+ 0.84	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.70	34.70†		6.64
UK Eq Gwth Inc	71.08	75.82†	+ 0.46	3.00
-do- Accum	98.79	105.38†	+ 0.64	3.00
Intl Income	333.31	354.73	+ 0.09	1.42
-do- Accum	592.26	630.32	+ 0.16	1.42
European	123.59	131.39	+ 1.06	1.35
Japan	54.49	57.73	- 1.40	0.19
American	126.57	133.66†	+ 0.68	1.17
Far East Tact	79.80	85.12†	- 2.15	1.38
Ethical Inc	43.42	46.43†	+ 0.03	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	47.57	50.86†	+ 0.31	3.38
UK Equity Inc	49.42	52.71	+ 0.39	4.17
UK Global Inc	55.03	58.73†	+ 0.34	1.86
Wwide Tact	95.51	101.69	+ 0.11	1.01
Europe Tactical	88.66	94.65	+ 0.77	0.99
Technology	185.61	197.00	+ 1.86	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	588.70	627.70	+ 4.60	2.61
American	423.10	447.80	+ 2.30	0.25
Pacific	369.30	395.00	- 9.60	0.21
European	763.90	817.00	+ 2.80	0.68
Worldwide	104.70	112.00	- 1.40	0.19
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	388.50	413.40	+ 2.10	2.05
-do- Accum	520.70	554.00	+ 2.90	2.05
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	293.50	312.30	+ 0.10	1.44
-do- Accum	365.10	388.50		1.44
Select Opptnty Inc	95.18	101.80	- 0.84	1.67
Income Plus Inc	98.79	105.10	- 1.41	2.60
European Inc	535.20	568.00	+ 3.80	0.73
-do- Accum	616.80	654.70	+ 4.40	0.73
Far Eastern Inc	167.70	178.50	- 3.90	0.62
-do- Accum	195.10	207.60	- 4.40	0.62
Japanese Inc	52.26	55.60	- 1.16	
Nth American Inc	425.00	451.20	+ 3.50	0.11
-do- Accum	470.70	499.80	+ 3.90	0.11
Intl Growth Inc	249.80	265.80	- 2.50	0.30
Wwide Venture Inc	108.10	115.10	- 0.80	0.24
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	518.00	547.30	- 3.60	2.24
-do- Accum	802.30	847.70	- 5.60	2.24
UK High Inc	251.70	265.90	- 1.40	2.26
-do- Accum	394.10	416.40	- 2.10	2.26
Europe Inc	562.80	594.60	- 8.40	0.33
Nth Amer Inc	387.00	408.70	- 0.60	
Global Inc	282.20	298.10	- 5.00	0.29
Global Acc	306.20	323.50	- 4.40	0.29
UK Spec Sits Inc	150.30	158.80	- 0.90	2.11
South East Asia	190.60	201.40	- 4.00	0.54
Cash Trust Inc	101.20	101.20	+ 0.10	6.20
UK Smllr Cos Inc	127.60	134.80	+ 0.20	1.97
-do- Accum	136.60	144.40	+ 0.30	1.97
Intl Bond Inc	88.99	93.48	- 0.10	3.78
International Strat	89.06	94.32	- 1.40	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 380 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	191.30	201.40	+ 1.30	0.09
Nth American	171.00	180.00	+ 1.10	.
Intl Bond & Conv	131.20	138.10		6.12
Pooled Pension	264.90	284.80	- 0.50	2.03
Smaller Cos	123.00	129.50	+ 0.70	1.21
UK General #	193.80	204.00	+ 1.00	2.11
Far Eastern	81.70	86.00	- 2.04	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	106.70	112.80	+ 0.50	0.84
Global Gwth	89.81	95.13	+ 0.03	1.09
Inv Tst Port	68.89	66.28	- 0.45	2.32
Managed	1457.70	1527.52†	- 5.95	1.55
Pref Inc #	106.20	114.00†	+ 0.30	5.99
Smaller Cos	283.60	301.60†	- 0.40	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	104.09		+ 0.96	4.61
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.90		+ 0.04	5.01
Corporate Inc ‡	99.99		+ 0.64	5.82
Tal Pan ‡	106.12		- 3.21	
Aztec ‡	87.41	.	- 3.30	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	165.25		+ 0.75	
European ‡	190.22		+ 0.94	
Global Bond ‡	89.60		+ 0.10	6.92
Samurai ‡	50.17	.	- 1.28	
UK Growth ‡	119.59		- 1.39	2.59
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	96.14		- 0.17	3.32
Investment Trust ‡	119.48		- 0.67	2.26
The Football Fd ‡	87.63		+ 0.03	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	90.11			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	534.20	565.20	- 7.10	
Capital	161.60	170.90†	- 2.10	1.21
Cash	102.15	102.15	+ 0.02	6.60
European	188.10	198.80	- 4.00	0.30
Far Eastern	167.20	177.00	- 6.40	0.05
Growth	190.50	201.50†	- 1.30	1.47
Income #	157.30	166.40	- 0.70	5.07
Moorgate	170.50	180.30†	- 2.10	1.29
Smllr Secs	609.50	644.90	- 2.20	0.05
Thoroughbred	200.90	212.50	- 2.60	1.33
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Cnsrvtv Prmnce	58.08	62.08†	+ 0.10	7.00
Ethical	88.04	94.16	+ 0.18	1.17
European Growth	94.78	99.97†	+ 0.66	
Income	68.30	73.04	- 0.28	3.50
Intl Growth	124.00	131.40	- 0.30	
Managed	104.70	110.90†	+ 0.20	0.18
UK Growth	85.33	91.26†	- 0.21	1.22
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.56	51.82†	- 0.60	1.33
Global Advtg Acc	56.68	56.97	- 0.70	1.33
Income Advtg Inc	41.16	41.37†	- 0.60	3.23
Income Advtg Acc	49.80	50.05	- 0.30	3.83
UK Equity Gth Acc	117.80	124.90	- 0.70	1.51
Premier Inc Inc	51.16	52.19†	- 0.70	7.03
Premier Inc Acc	58.02	59.19	.	7.03
Managed Acc	71.05	75.32	- 0.80	1.85
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	48.53	51.46	- 0.20	4.08
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	65.76	69.71	0.30	4.08
UK Smlr Cos Acc	49.60	52.58		0.63
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	94.58	100.50	- 0.50	1.65
UK Equity Gen Inc	67.15	71.35	- 0.40	1.65
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.40	35.33		6.15
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	395.30	429.00	- 7.30	1.75
Nth American Acc	72.60	77.24	- 0.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	40.32	42.85	- 2.10	0.75
European Acc	67.23	71.44	- 1.30	0.33
Japan Acc	24.00	25.50	- 0.20	0.92
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	5.421	5.758		1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.530	4.795	.	0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	266.20	282.80		
FT Europe	158.80	197.30	.	0.95
FT N Amer (US$)	3.623	3.833		
FT Japan (yen)	171.00	181.60	.	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.966	3.140		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	617.30	652.10	+ 4.00	
British #	1439.60	1523.30	- 18.60	2.87
Emrgng Mkts	195.10	207.40	- 2.50	0.44
Euro Gwth Inc	110.00	116.80	+ 0.50	
Euro Small Co	64.63	68.83	+ 0.20	0.18
Japan	110.80	117.50		
Asia Pacific	440.10	468.70	- 6.00	1.15
-do- Accum	478.80	509.90	- 6.60	1.15
Inv Trust Acc	323.30	347.80	- 2.30	1.03
Mngd Equity	223.50	236.50	- 1.60	2.44
Mngd Cash	96.15	96.15†	+ 0.04	6.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1270.00	1358.00	+ 7.00	1.61
North America	238.60	255.10	+ 1.90	.
Far East	149.90	160.30	- 3.50	
Wwide Bond	56.30	59.73	+ 0.15	4.32
European	174.80	186.90	+ 0.90	0.17
Equity Income #	130.90	139.90	+ 0.70	4.74
Portfolio	129.40	138.30	.	1.08
UK Leading Cos	98.36	104.90	+ 0.70	2.02
High Inc Bond	50.83	50.91†	+ 0.03	6.37
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	83.68	89.50	- 1.60	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	21.30	22.76	- 0.79	0.86
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	99.76	106.13	- 2.90	6.66
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	110.37	117.42	+ 0.17	6.66
European	62.52	66.52	+ 0.49	0.44
High Income	40.92	43.54	+ 0.22	3.32
Japan	32.13	34.19	- 0.84	0.01
Managed Assets	163.24	174.59†	+ 0.47	2.20
North American	59.34	63.13	+ 0.65	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	38.09	40.53	+ 0.12	1.95
Smlr Co's Acc	42.20	44.91	+ 0.13	1.95
UK Growth Inc	76.46	91.35†	+ 0.52	1.91
UK Growth Acc	88.38	94.03	+ 0.60	1.91
Extra Income #	53.35	57.06	- 0.34	2.71
Worldwide Gth	47.52	50.83	- 0.07	0.06
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	62.15	66.12	- 0.82	
Cap Protector Inc	58.29	62.01	+ 0.24	2.41
UK Income Inc	72.61	77.24	+ 0.27	2.66
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.66	40.06	+ 0.13	6.43
Mngd High Yld Inc	105.34	112.06†	+ 0.85	3.83
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	101.59	108.07	- 0.92	2.41
UK Smaller Cos	43.66	45.88	- 0.70	2.15
Pacific Gth Pen	46.82	49.81	- 1.66	0.58
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	375.64	397.50†	- 0.26	
-do- Accum	413.75	437.83†	- 0.28	
Brit Growth	144.95	153.39	- 1.29	1.53
-do- Accum	182.63	193.26	- 1.62	1.53
European	152.49	161.37†	+ 0.01	
-do- Accum	162.92	172.40†	+ 0.01	
Extra Income #	242.77	256.98†	- 1.85	4.29
-do- Accum #	466.57	493.72†	- 3.55	4.29
Smaller Cos	93.90	99.37†	- 2.69	0.93
-do- Accum	108.49	114.81†	- 3.11	0.93
General	417.90	442.22†	- 4.28	1.63
-do- Accum	908.83	961.72†	- 9.31	1.63
Premier Income	53.17	55.39†	+ 0.02	6.24
-do- Accum	139.83	145.66†	+ 0.07	6.24
Income #	450.61	476.84	- 3.60	3.29
-do- Accum #	1076.77	1139.41	- 8.60	3.29
Pacific	347.71	367.94	- 16.47	0.30
-do- Accum	365.35	386.61	- 17.31	0.30
International	710.57	751.92	- 7.37	0.12
-do- Accum	938.96	993.61	- 9.75	0.12
Nat Resources	162.74	172.27	- 3.46	0.12
Sketd Opps	151.91	160.75	- 1.81	0.87
-do- Accum	201.00	212.70	- 2.40	0.87
Environmental Inv	97.74	103.42†	- 1.42	0.70
Selector	85.59	90.58	- 1.06	1.45
-do- Accum	100.56	106.40	- 1.25	1.45
High Income #	80.44	85.12	- 0.52	4.20
-do- Accum #	113.95	120.58	- 0.94	4.20
Intl Income	64.11	67.84	+ 0.15	4.36
-do- Accum	87.12	92.19	+ 0.22	4.36
Selector Income	75.17	79.55	- 0.33	4.00
-do- Accum	97.24	102.90	0.43	4.00
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	479.78	505.03†	+ 2.12	2.02
European	95.39	99.88	- 0.33	1.07
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	274.30	290.36†	- 1.74	2.12
Glob Growth Acc	321.09	339.78†	- 2.62	2.12
Glob Balncd Inc	224.85	237.94	- 0.38	3.50
Glob Balncd Acc	277.36	293.50	- 0.47	3.50
Value Tst Inc	169.45	179.31	- 0.99	2.31
Value Tst Acc	191.65	202.80	- 1.11	2.31
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	104.90	111.60	+ 1.10	0.47
International	81.37	86.55†		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.42	39.96†	- 0.05	6.60
European Growth	399.16	417.96	+ 2.25	0.90
Exempt	782.12	817.03†	+ 4.50	2.90
Global Em Mkts	91.64	95.96	- 1.21	0.50
Japan Tst	74.57	78.08	- 2.10	
Little Dragons	125.28	131.18	- 8.42	
Nth Amer Gwth	375.17	392.84	- 2.24	0.10
Oriental Income #	51.03	53.43	+ 0.93	3.50
Preference	140.83	147.46	+ 0.37	8.10
Tiger	267.58	280.19	8.10	
UK Blue Chip	95.96	100.48	+ 0.78	1.50
UK Growth	774.04	810.51	- 5.76	0.80
UK High Yield #	134.47	140.80†	+ 0.77	4.90
UK Mid-Cap	363.14	380.25	- 0.47	1.60
UK Smllr Cos	139.04	145.56	- 0.17	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	89.29	93.43†	- 0.25	5.90
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
Client Serv: 0800 0683000 Inter Serv: 0800 0684000				
Conversion Helpline: 0500 386227 (Until end Dec)				
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Income	48.13	50.00		3.66
Caut Mg Gth Acc	48.13	50.00		4.14
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	48.13	50.60		2.63
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	48.13	50.00		0.89
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corp Bond ‡	49.84			6.94
UK Equity Inc ‡	49.70		+ 0.69	3.41
UK Growth ‡	49.18		+ 0.61	1.29
UK Select Gwth ‡	49.42		+ 0.56	1.34
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	50.22		- 0.06	1.17
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	48.03		+ 0.34	0.10
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	48.59		- 0.54	
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	43.34		- 1.13	
Japan Growth Acc ‡	45.13		- 0.66	
Specialist				
Am Sel Gwth Acc ‡	48.63		+ 0.50	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	44.80		- 1.19	0.19
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	47.74		+ 0.36	
Glb Sel Gth Acc ‡	47.08		+ 0.24	0.11
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc ‡	49.72		+ 0.66	4.04
UK Growth ‡	49.21		+ 0.62	1.84
UK Insl Gth Acc ‡	49.21	.	+ 0.67	1.62
UK Oseas Emgs ‡	48.87	.	+ 0.61	0.96
UK Select Gwth ‡	49.42		+ 0.58	1.19
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	50.22		- 0.06	1.17
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	48.06		+ 0.35	0.60
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	48.62		+ 0.53	
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	43.37		- 1.12	
Japan Growth Acc ‡	45.17		- 0.64	.
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	48.70		+ 0.54	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	44.82		- 1.18	0.69
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	47.78	.	+ 0.32	
Threadneedle PO Svs (Frmly Allied Dunbar)				
Proposed for conversion in Oct				
American Income	79.82	84.96†	+ 0.80	1.91
Balanced	977.40	1044.00†	+ 14.00	2.34
Conv & Gilt	55.48	59.30†	+ 0.36	3.57
Equity Income	310.30	331.50	+ 4.20	3.35
Govt Secs	36.27	38.29†	+ 0.08	5.42
Growth & Income	336.30	359.50	+ 4.60	2.80
High Income	543.50	580.90†	+ 8.20	3.67
High Yield	334.30	357.30	+ 4.40	3.54
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	390.95	415.90	+ 2.29	4.09
UK Equity Gwth	425.41	452.56†	+ 0.40	1.79
European	214.18	227.85†	+ 0.20	0.51
Nth American	109.33	118.31	+ 0.70	0.09
Far Eastern	74.63	79.39	- 2.17	0.72
Money	74.42	74.42	+ 0.03	4.66
Fixed Interest #	85.71	90.96	+ 0.06	7.53
Index Linked Gilt	76.26	80.88	- 0.04	7.19
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	108.77	108.77	+ 0.19	6.70
Pens Growth	119.90	119.88	...	.
Pens Inc Protct	107.47	107.47		
UK Index Tracking @	155.77	155.77	+ 1.31	2.50
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	18.36	19.32†	- 1.21	
Pacific Basin	32.43	34.14	- 0.62	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9009	0.9478	- 0.3145	.
Penny Share	46.08	48.50	+ 0.05	
Japan Smlr Cos	32.00	33.68	- 0.61	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	129.80	130.20		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8062	0.8142	+ 0.02	.
Gilt Income	52.09	52.90	- 0.01	6.30
Gilt Growth	82.49	83.80	- 0.07	.
Sterling Bond	49.79	50.62†	- 0.03	6.60
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	63.53	67.50	.	1.78
UK Stockmarket	120.63	128.10		1.60
Corporate Bd Inc	50.58	50.70		6.37
Do Accum	53.53	53.66	..	6.37

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Sharp gains in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	**Allied Domecq**	472½	+ 6	5.7	14.2
628	410	Bulmer (HP)	417½		4.3	11.8
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	46		9.2	11.5
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	425½	**Grand Met**	566	- ½	3.3	18.2
627	424	**Guinness**	548½	+ 2	3.7	15.6
380	307½	Highland Dist	312½		3.4	14.6
336	232	Matthew Clark	237		12.7	7.1
109½	52½	Mrydon WI	60		6.5	14.8
2009¾	1462½	SA Breweries	1846¼	+ 6½	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521½	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1228¾	- 3½	2.6	17.5
971	710	**Abbey Natl**	833	+ 3	4.1	13.6
655	532½	**Alliance & Leic**	630	+ 2	3.3	14.6
563	388¾	Allied Irish	520½		3.5	14.8
488¼	363½	Aus New Z	442	- 1	4.3	
4671¼	2875	Bank America	4081¼	- 31¼		
452	291½	**Bank Scotland**	423½	+ 7½	2.4	12.9
1462	979½	**Barclays**	1432½	+ 20	2.9	13.6
764	517½	Bk of Ireland	702½	- ½	2.8	15.5
8808¼	6006¼	Chicorp	7928¾	+ 121¼		
1759¼	1268¼	Commerzbk	1658¾	- 3¼	2.8	
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	706¼	- 16¼	0.6	
4321¼	2709¾	Deutsche Bk	3643¾	- 48¼	1.7	
1300	758½	Espirito Santo	1262½	+ 6¼	2.9	...
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	727½	- 30	0.6	
2369½	1272½	**HSBC**	1910	- 10	3.0	15.5
2258½	1251	HSBC HK	1828½	- 6½	3.1	14.8
783	701½	**Halifax**	709	+ 2	2.6	23.9
610	483½	Irish Perm	580	- 5½	2.7	16.0
783½	424	**Lloyds TSB**	738½	+ 15½	2.4	21.5
912½	699½	Nat Aust Bk	856¼	+ ¼	4.7	11.8
896½	663½	**Nat West**	792½	+ 5	4.7	12.5
665	508	**Royal Bk Scot**	588½	+ 2½	4.1	12.7
1093½	681	**Stand Chartt**	832½	+ 6	2.3	14.5
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		2.0	
397½	315½	Westpac	357½	+ ½	4.2	
373½	284	Woolwich	296	+ 1½	3.3	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	**Bass**	834	+ 7	3.8	15.6
68½	43½	Bck Inn the Bdr	54½	- 2½	4.2	
205½	132½	Burtonwood Brw	152½		4.9	14.2
156½	121½	City Centre Rest	144		2.2	22.3
744½	596	Compass Gp	603	- 12½	1.9	22.1
305	250	Eldridge P A	287½	- 1	2.4	15.9
485	413½	Fuller Sm A	413½		3.0	14.4
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	472½	- 1½	4.2	11.7
770	642	Greene King	697½		2.9	19.1
237½	152½	Grosvenor Inns	155	+ ½	5.3	
385	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	268½		1.4	26.4
298½	261	Hardy Hansn	272		5.1	12.1
2850	2700	Holt J	2700		2.7	15.9
78	63	Inn Business	66½		3.1	10.6
357	327	Mansfield	329		2.7	14.3
315½	252	Marston Thmp	303	+ 5½	3.3	10.5
615	512½	Morland	512½		3.2	13.2
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	260	+ ½	1.0	33.5
47½	26½	Paramount	29			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	691	- 1	0.5	45.1
437½	332½	Ramsdens (H)	347½		1.8	30.8
376½	262½	Regent Inns	293	+ ½	1.1	28.0
768½	627	**Scot & Newt**	738½	+ 4½	3.7	15.6
305	248½	Vaux Group	284		4.7	12.8
1422½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1417½	+ 2½	0.8	31.6
863	738½	**Whitbread**	812½	+ 6	3.7	15.0
706½	562	Wolvrmptn D	562	- 4	3.9	12.2
356¼	279½	Yates Bros▼	350½		1.0	28.1
702½	615	Young 'A'	697½		2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32½	15½	AAF Inds	20½			
205	170	Abbey	205		3.7	
352½	237½	Allen	349½		2.7	20.9
166½	90½	Amec	144½	+ 1½	3.5	
512	347½	Amey	451½		2.5	20.2
665	485	Andrews Sykes	602½	+ 37½	2.1	17.8
324½	222½	Ashtead	297½	- 3	1.5	20.3
48½	29½	Avonside	42		4.5	8.6
39½	24½	Bandt	29½		4.7	25.8
64½	49½	Barcom	60½		2.7	18.6
291½	236	Barratt Devs	257	+ ½	4.2	14.3
210	154½	Beazer	169	+ 1½	4.5	13.0
381½	299½	Bellway	359½	+ 4½	2.9	16.0
22½	16½	Bellwinch	19½			12.8
52½	30	Ben Bailey	45½	+ ½	4.4	6.4
769½	606	Berkeley Gp	746½	- 3½	1.6	15.5
172	142	Bell Bros	152½		4.7	5.2
340	230	Bool (Henry)	335	+ 2½	3.0	13.5
130½	87½	Brandon Hire	120½		3.0	16.0
35½	27½	Britannia Grp	34½		1.8	..
72½	42½	Br Bldg & Eng	72½			
159	120½	Bryant	129½	+ 2	4.9	18.1
125½	99½	CALA	105½		4.1	13.8
6½	2½	Campbell & Arm	5	- ¼		
83½	53½	Clarke T	81½	+ 2	8.1	9.6
46	46	Costain#	46			
105	71	Countryside	94	+ ½	3.3	14.5
109½	88½	Crest Nicholson	105	+ ¼	3.8	12.9
102½	67½	Cussins	95		5.4	11.0
177½	147½	Eve Group	164		3.4	19.4
24	15½	Galliford	21		6.0	23.0
932½	857½	Gleeson (MJ)	920		2.2	16.6
320	272½	Havelock Euro	280		1.9	19.5
162½	123	Hewden-Stuart	162	+ 2½	2.5	28.4
21½	16½	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	20.3
318	130½	Jarvis	245½	- 5	1.9	20.1
272½	182½	Keller	230½		2.6	15.8
250½	189½	Kier	203½		4.0	12.1
380½	279	Laing (J)	376½		3.2	34.0
130½	110½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	125½		6.5	..
14½	9	Lovell (YJ)	11½			
210½	162½	Maunders (J)	185½		3.9	13.6
167½	112½	McAlpine (A)	124½	- 1½	7.0	62.5
135½	95½	McCarthy & S	135½	+ ½	2.2	16.1
75	53½	McInerney	65			
235½	158½	Morgan Sindall	178½		3.2	12.1
306½	234½	Morrison Cons	294½		2.2	18.6
144	109½	Mowlem (J)	115		3.3	12.6
266	208	Persimmon	240½	+ 9	5.1	12.0
125	100	Pochins	100		3.1	10.4
144½	97½	Prowting	117½		4.3	19.3
21½	12½	Raine Ind	18½			14.5
179½	145½	Redrow	166½		2.6	17.0
330	255	Sherrif Hldgs	330		2.8	28.3
78	48	Starcon#	73½		6.8	16.2
352½	267½	Spandex	270		1.5	13.9
103	76	Swan Hill	88½		3.5	
153½	115	Tay Homes	137		6.5	28.7
215	153	Taylor Woodrw	192½	+ 8½	2.4	17.1
767½	512½	Tilbury Douglas	622½		4.6	16.1
27½	13½	Try Group	23½			13.8
86	58½	Vibroplant	71½	+ ¼	7.1	
152½	112	Wainhomes	129½		4.6	18.2
74½	36½	Ward Hldgs	52½			
271	224½	Westbury	257½		3.2	14.9
65½	45½	White Young Gm	59½		8.3	18.8
12	7½	Wiggins	9½			
191	147½	Wilson (C)	172½		3.5	19.1
545	471½	Wilson Bowden	541	+ 2½	2.5	18.5
155	124½	Wimpey G	130	- 3	5.3	41.1

BUILDING MATERIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
55½	33	Aggregate Inds	50½		4.9	21.6
389	295½	BPB	347	+ 7	3.7	15.4
110½	91½	Baggeridge Brk	95½		4.8	24.3
49½	27½	Blockleys	45½			
452	351	**Blue Circle**	386½		4.3	16.6
91½	78½	Breedon PLC	78½	- 1½	7.7	12.1
152½	119	Br Dredging	149		4.9	12.2
686½	592½	CRH	673	+ 4	1.5	16.6
59½	42½	Cathedral Rey	44½		9.8	4.3
192½	162½	Cape	164½		4.6	
273	192	Caradon	205		5.8	10.1
133½	102	Caradon 'pf'	108½		8.4	
83½	50	Chelfeld Gp	67½		8.3	6.7
272½	212½	Dyson (J&J)	242½		3.0	14.1
145	122	Dyson 'A'	141		5.1	8.2
4	2½	Ennstone	2½	- ½		
290	215	Epwin	220		5.3	13.2
98½	83½	Gibbs & Dandy	84½		5.0	9.0
148	119	Graham Grp	125½	+ ½	5.7	26.0
365½	187½	Halstead (J)	305		5.8	9.4
334½	271½	Hanson	306	+ 10	5.0	12.1
287½	206½	Hepworth	208	+ 1½	8.9	11.8
106½	72½	Hewetson	93½	+ 1½	6.7	8.7
268	190½	Heywd Wimt	207½		8.3	8.6
75½	63	Ibstock	64	- ½	3.9	34.5
530	315	Johnston	325		4.8	9.8
82½	62½	Lilleshall	77½	+ 1	7.8	10.0
137	103½	Marley	112½	+ 1½	5.2	10.8
160½	119½	Marshalls	139	+ 2	4.7	21.2
457½	361½	Meyer Intl	427	- ½	3.5	18.4
95½	65½	Norcros	69½		3.6	17.1
158	110	Pelington	143½	- 2	4.4	17.0
264½	134½	Polypipe	218	+ 1	1.8	17.6
1147½	878½	RMC Gp	1003½	- ½	3.3	14.8

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200½	162½	Car Group	177½		2.7	19.1
139½	117½	Caverdale	134½		3.5	7.8
100	53½	Charles Sidney	63½	- 5	6.3	8.9
59½	46½	Cook (DC)	47		6.6	6.1
121	60½	Dag Motors	96	+ ½	10.0	7.8
134½	102½	Dennmes Elt	102½		3.4	9.4
400	223	Diploma	225½		8.0	8.5
494	387½	Electrocomponts	461½		2.1	26.0
226½	117½	Eurodis Elec	139½	+ 1	4.7	26.6
97½	76½	European Mtrs	90		7.8	8.8
234	213	Evans Halshaw	291	+ 16	7.1	
53½	37½	Fife Indmar	43½	+ ½	9.5	8.7
397½	312½	Finelist Grp	322½	+ 1	2.6	16.4
34½	24½	Gardner	25½		4.8	9.2
79½	57½	Glenchewton	68½	- ½	2.9	11.1
110	82½	Gowrings	100½	- 2	3.9	16.5
15½	11	HR Owen	13½		6.1	12.2
103	20½	Handel	22½			2.1
257½	232½	Harris (Philip)	240		5.2	9.3
330	234½	Heatlars	319		2.3	21.1
165	145	Holders Tech	165		4.9	13.5
240½	152½	ISA Intl	153½	- 2	2.4	12.0
309½	240½	Inchcape	272½	- 5	4.8	16.7
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.0
311	214½	Kwik-Fit	301½	- ½	2.3	21.7
454½	316½	Lex Service	441	- 2	4.6	13.3
122	100	Lookers	101		9.9	7.2
9	5½	Maddiesons	7½		1.7	12.7
41½	10½	Midlakes	15½		3.9	3.2
472	180	Nortony	232	+ 1	4.6	7.9
166½	114½	Northamber	138½	+ 10½	1.3	8.3
562½	305½	Partco	338½	- ½	3.0	17.8
394½	254½	Pendragon▼	271½	- 3½	4.7	12.0
223½	172½	Perry Gp	179½	- 2	6.5	7.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	526	+ 1	2.9	19.5
152½	122½	Quick Group	125½	- 1	7.7	7.7
357	307½	REA	329		1.5	40.5
2½	1¼	Reece	1½			50.2
28	12½	Ronson	18½		1.7	
4	1¼	Ross Gp	2½			
109½	78½	Ryland	86½		5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Ind	38		7.0	12.7
92½	30	Salter	33½		4.5	
415½	283½	Time Products	286½		5.1	11.3
347	200½	Trust Motor Grp	204½		7.3	11.5
337	228	UMECO	319		2.2	20.7
86½	59	United Dsts Gp	78½			17.0
352½	267½	Vardy (Reg)	282½	...	3.3	13.5
685	498½	WF Elect	598½		3.2	20.2
41	25½	Wilshaw	29½		3.6	
172½	111½	Wyko	156	+ 1	2.4	
155½	119½	Young (H)	154½		3.5	13.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492½	327½	Antofagasta	395		1.6	20.8
328	232	Ascot Hldgs	258	- 3	2.5	43.1
917	772	Broken Hill	772	- 1½	3.0	18.6
289	180½	**BTR**	224	- 6	5.4	9.7
601½	462	**BAT**	519½	+ 2	6.3	11.1
60½	52	Brierley Inv	52½	- ½	9.0	8.6
266	182	Cookson	256	+ 3	4.4	15.8
229½	197½	Cosalt	198½		6.5	8.6
402½	256½	DCC	402½	+ 5	2.2	15.0
312½	243½	Gallaher	293½	+ 7	8.5	10.8
141	115½	Grampian Hldg	135½		5.6	11.8
140½	101½	Hanson Cestl	110½		10.2	10.5
667½	423½	Hutch Whamp	497	- 8½	2.0	20.4
438½	362	**Imperial Tob**	388	+ 2	6.4	7.8
512½	331	Jardine Math	414	- 26½	3.7	
158½	118½	Lonrho	123½		4.8	12.9
175½	141½	McLeod Russel	144		5.9	11.4
452½	388½	Powell Duffryn	410½	- 1	7.6	11.7
197½	153½	Slavelcy	175		6.4	15.2
604½	448½	Swire Pacific	467½	+ 6½	3.0	
397½	327½	**TI Group**	379	- ½	2.5	16.7
336½	252½	**Tomkins**	293½	- 5½	4.3	13.1
210	165	Unidac	202½		8.0	10.5
498	370	Wardle Storeys	370		6.6	13.8
387½	285½	Wassall	320	+ 8½	2.4	19.6
166½	122½	Whitecroft	123½	..	5.1	17.9
365½	294½	Williams	356½	+ 8	5.3	15.1

ELECTRICITY

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
174	125½	Br Energy P/P	172½	+ 1	6.3	52.6
665	463½	**Energy Group**	638	+ 2½	4.2	11.4
273½	192	**National Grid**	270½	+ 4½	5.1	11.1
590½	480½	**National Power**	572½	+ 4½	5.5	11.0
447½	352½	Nthn Ireland	437½		6.0	19.9
797½	565½	**PowerGen**	774½	- 7	4.1	12.5
460½	319½	Hydro-Elect	445		5.1	10.3
474½	331½	**Scottish Power**	448½	+ 13½	5.2	11.8
472½	373½	Southern Elect	462½	- 2	5.8	12.7

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
493½	381½	Acal	381½	..	3.1	12.7
240½	151½	Acorn	153½			
472½	365	Admiral	467½	..	0.7	35.2
48½	33½	Arlen	37	- 1½	4.1	8.7
164½	128½	Astec	128	+ 1	1.8	14.9
626	505	Aztan#	555		0.9	17.7
298½	153½	BICC	167½	- 1	9.6	15.1
173	81	Beales Hunter	92½		15.8	
382½	215	Bick	215		8.1	6.3
457½	292½	Bowthorpe	358	- 2	3.6	14.3
14½	9	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13		7.4	15.5
157½	127½	CML Micro	139½		5.5	18.0
39½	22½	Channel Hldgs	36½		5.7	14.3
43½	27½	Chloride	36½	- ½	2.2	9.8
84½	54	Clayhithe	71½		8.0	8.1
920	537½	Critchley	637½	+ 2½	2.5	17.6
790	417½	Dasha Bs Sys	717½	- 2½	0.5	27.9
388½	257½	Delta	288½	+ 1	6.9	16.0
367½	255	Domino	325		4.4	14.2
95½	62½	Dowding Mills	73½		5.2	13.3
306	220	Druck	265		0.8	28.1
5971½	3316½	Electrolux 'B'	4406½	+ 16½	2.2	22.4
27½	19½	Emess	21½		2.3	14.4
2921½	1771½	Ericsson 'B'	2603½	+ 3½	0.8	
76½	27½	Eurocopy	32	- 1½	10.2	5.1
541	305	Eurotherm	375	- ½	3.1	15.0
645	483	Fairey Group	573½		2.0	17.9
447½	281½	Filtronic Coml	434	- 3½	8.4	66.9
32	20½	Forward Tech	21½		7.4	
414	327½	**GEC**	383½	+ 12	4.2	21.5
208½	126½	Graseby	207½		4.0	17.3
148½	110½	Ind Control	146		3.1	15.8
26	12	Intelek	14	+ ½	8.0	52.0
115	94½	Kode	94½		3.3	7.9
61½	37½	LPA Ind	60		4.3	17.0
338	220	Memec-Swi	268		3.1	13.4
30½	11	Microvitec	15½	+	7.2	
425	425	Mitel	425			
242	158½	Network Tech	176½	- 1	0.7	
458	302	Oxford Instr	382½		2.5	12.3
237½	41½	Pace Micro	45	- 1½	7.8	7.6
98	33½	Peek	34		12.5	4.9
5168½	2328½	Philips Lmp av	4471½	+ 87½	1.1	
185½	142½	Plasmec	165½		4.5	8.7
238½	33½	Plasmon	49½	+ 3	4.1	4.4
265	209½	Pressac	244½		2.1	19.5
48	31	Prestwick	37		2.7	8.6
512½	278	Psion	339½	- 28	0.8	23.3
301½	215	Racal Elect	232	+ 7	3.2	27.9
135½	99½	Radamec	111½		3.4	18.0
380	258	Renishaw	280		3.4	12.9
3½	1½	Rodime	2½			
218½	149½	Roxboro	193½		4.5	10.9
233½	169½	SDX Bus Syst	183½		1.5	24.0
411½	355	Senomes	355		3.0	16.5
83½	32½	Silverlines	53	- ½	3.1	14.9
5490½	3671½	TDK	4681½	- 53½	0.5	
108	68½	TGI	76½	- 1	5.7	8.1
125½	91	TLG	106½		5.0	13.9
34½	7	Tadpole Tech	9			
72½	48½	Telemetrix	68		2.7	29.4
307½	175	Telspec	235	- 2½		
157½	125½	Thorpe FW	135		3.9	11.4
72½	27½	Total Systems	62½		2.5	22.7
397	70	Tunstall	71		9.1	4.9
57½	26½	Verity	48½	+ ¼	0.3	
196½	83½	Vero	94½		7.7	6.4
69½	60	Vigien Technology	62	- 1		
462	400	Volex	425	+ 8½	6.2	12.4
15½	10½	Wakebourne#	10½			

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	97	Adwest	118½	- 1	8.2	16.7
197	178	Airflow Stream	179		5.6	11.4
757	565	Avon Rubber	618½		4.0	12.8
285	227½	Boshorn	276		3.2	11.4
109	96	Britax	107½		4.1	14.8
778	667½	First Tech	770½		1.8	
1286½	907	**GKN**	1208	+ 24	2.6	
4103½	3237½	General Mtr	3898½	- 12½	3.2	
583½	415	Heakes	441	+ 2½	4.3	10.4
2072	1540½	Honda Motor	1860½	- 25½	0.4	
413½	312½	Laird	394½	+ 3	4.1	11.3
238	180	LucasVarity	198	+ 1	3.4	19.9
176½	131	Mayflower	174½	- ½	2.7	24.6
172½	127½	Syltone	149½	- ½	5.4	10.9
179	123	T & N	157½	- ½	5.0	
85½	32½	Toad	33½			
339½	238½	Trinity Hldgs	271½		4.1	13.2

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	454	**AB Food**	527	+ 8	2.3	17.5
311½	271½	Acatos & Hutch	296		4.4	24.9
48½	34	Albert Fisher	38½	- ½	12.3	9.1
320	275	Banks (S C)	292½	+ 2½	4.9	10.4
440	322	Barr (AG)	440	+ 2½	3.0	15.8
43	30	Bensons Crsp	33		4.3	8.1
402	244	Booker	311½		8.6	
62½	20½	Borthwick	61½		2.6	39.2
220	90	CPL Aromas	118	+ ½	5.1	31.6
627½	464	**Cadbury-Schw**	575	+ 3	3.6	15.4
335	280	Carr's Milling	300		4.6	9.9
81½	57½	Coughant	60	+ 1½	7.7	11.1
267½	203½	Cranswick	242½		5.3	12.4
274½	195½	Dairy Crest Group	270	- 2½	4.6	12.1
363½	217½	Dalgety	262½		10.5	22.9
52½	33½	Daniels S▼	34½		0.9	27.7
398½	263½	Devro	384		2.8	27.8
123½	79½	Finlay (James)	106		4.3	15.9
335	250	Geest	320½	+ 1½	3.3	25.7
26	19½	Global	21		3.9	11.2
380	288	Greencore	291½		2.8	12.7
144½	99½	Hazlewood Fds	134	- 1	6.4	10.4
200½	156½	Hillsdown	162	+ ½	7.7	10.3
77½	35½	JLI Group	40		15.5	8.7
420	368	Linton Park	398½		5.0	10.1
142	105	Matthews (B)	114	+ ½	4.5	9.0
212½	177½	Nichols (N)	198½		4.7	11.0
233½	188½	Nthn Foods	219½		5.4	13.8
22½	13	Nthmbn Fs	15½	- ¼	1.2	8.8
104½	77½	Paramount Foods	80½		7.8	9.3
105	62	Pascoe's	69			12.3
98½	68½	Perkins Food	98	+ 5	5.4	10.4
102	47½	Plant & Gen	88	+ ½	2.4	
167½	87½	Senlry Farm	87½		7.3	6.2
41½	25½	Sims Food	35			4.0
485	400½	**Tate & Lyle**	409½		5.2	12.9
191½	127½	Treatt	138		5.1	40.4
539	414	Unigate	524½	- 2½	4.8	13.2
1925¼	1351	**Unilever**	1718	+ 9½	2.3	20.9
£148¼	9943½	Unilever (NV)	£125½	- 37½	1.7	16.0
253½	199	Utd Biscuits	206½		6.1	14.0
36½	29½	WT Foods	35		5.4	15.2
15½	8½	Yorkshire Food	10½		10.5	..

HEALTHCARE

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2127½	1100	Amersham	1927½	+ 10	1.4	29.1
148	116½	Assoc Nursg	136½		3.4	16.9
627½	472½	Bespak	579		2.7	19.7
1432½	820	Biocomps Intl	1157½			
140	104	Care First	107	- 1	4.0	
129½	96	Care UK	116½		1.1	15.7
114½	88½	Celsis	98	- 1		
408	355½	Community H	406½		3.2	17.1
31	24½	CrestaCare	27½	- ¼	4.3	13.6
26½	7½	Enviromed	8½			
167½	106½	Ferraris Group	117½		3.1	11.6
173½	117½	Goldsborough	170½		3.2	15.7
215	135	Huntleigh Tec	136½		2.7	15.1
380	167½	Innovative Tech	287½			
88	60	Intercare Gp	71½		6.3	11.3
422½	330	Isotron	415		1.9	
182	156	Lon Intl	164½		2.1	22.6
147½	122½	Nestor Hlth	138½		3.1	19.5
30	3½	Premier Health	7			
316½	234½	Scholl	270		3.6	...
500½	382½	Seton Health	425	+ 4½	2.6	15.4
919	123	Shield Diag	575	+ 17½		
197½	162½	**Smith & Neph**	174½		4.1	16.4
3½	2½	Tamass	2½		3.7	11.4
288½	243½	UniChem	282		3.9	23.2
302½	226½	West Hillcare	265	+ ½	3.1	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
282½	235½	Airsprung	237½		3.4	13.5
250	170	Alba	198	+ 1½	3.9	12.8
32½	22½	Airwax	22½	- ½	11.1	21.4
182½	102½	BLP Group	173	+ 4	4.3	6.5
76½	55	Beston Bursea	56		3.4	14.6
80½	57½	Black Arrow	77	- 1½	6.7	
387½	324½	Black (Peter)	353½		2.0	20.2
204½	160½	Cornwell Prk So	163½		1.0	18.9
42½	22½	Creighton N	25½	- 1		
100	45	Dalkeith	80½		9.3	..
290½	142	Denby Group	166		3.2	12.7
149½	122½	Eclipse Blinds	136½	- 1½	3.2	12.3
46	26	Elbief	27½		5.6	
342½	140	Gaskell	283	- 2	2.1	17.3
320	250	IWP Intl	370		2.2	12.1
74	28½	Jourdan (T)	57		3.3	15.4
193½	103½	Kenwood App	125		3.2	43.8
12	7½	Linoleum	9½			
150½	114½	McBride	148		5.7	12.8
202½	169½	Maybom	181½	+ 1½	5.5	9.2
875	555	Osborne & Little	635		3.3	13.1
523	443	Paterson Zch	544		5.3	11.0
470	375	Paterson Zch 'A'	376		6.3	9.3
268	200	Pifco	210		3.6	
268	195	Pifco 'A' Vtg	205		3.7	
1028	696	**Reckitt Colm**	952½	+ 1	2.8	17.1
445½	338½	Relyon	444½	- 2	2.8	21.7
297½	215½	Royal Doulton	216½		5.6	10.1
372½	287½	Silentnight	307½		4.1	14.3
23½	16½	Stoddard	19½		4.7	21.5
330	260½	Stoves	260½	- 2	2.8	
240½	196½	Swallowfield	212½	+ 7½	4.3	11.8
219	175	Tomkinsons	179	- 2	9.0	11.2
102	79	Victoria	85½		3.7	11.3
72	40	Walker Greenbk	52½		8.8	11.1
87	74½	Wiltord Vnglwd	85½		1.5	
235	235	Wood (Arthur)	235		3.7	13.7

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1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
101½	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.75	
106	101	Exch 15% 1997	101	-	14.83	6.56
106	100	Exch 9¾% 1998	100	..	9.06	6.95
103	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.24	7.01
101	100	Treas 14% 1998-01	104	+	13.37	7.09
110	104	Treas 15½% 1998	108		14.29	7.11
114	108	Exch 12% 1998	105	..	11.38	7.16
109	105	Treas 9½% 1999	102	+	9.23	7.15
105	102	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	+	11.41	7.14
111	107	Treas 10½% 1999	105	+	9.97	7.09
108	106	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.11	7.00
99	96	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+	9.64	7.10
108	106	Conv 9% 2000	104	+	8.63	7.00
108	104	Treas 8% 2000	102	+	7.79	7.04
104	102	Treas 8½% 2000	103	+	8.25	7.11
104	102	Treas 13% 2000	114	+	11.31	7.11
119	114	Treas 10% 2001	108	+	9.19	7.09
112	98	Treas 7% 2001	99	+	7.01	7.03
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101	97	Treas 7% 2002	100	+	7.00	7.09
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.79	7.10
105	102	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.66	7.04
116	111	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.77	7.10
116	113	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+	10.14	7.11
87	82	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86	+	4.04	5.09
114	109	Conv 9½% 2004	113	+	8.38	7.08
99	94	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	+	6.86	7.02
109	104	Treas 8½% 2005	108	+	7.81	7.06
122	110	Conv 9½% 2005	113	+	8.34	7.09
129	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	+	9.87	7.12
103	98	Treas 7½% 2006	102	+	7.28	7.06
107	99	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	+	7.43	7.10
104	100	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	+	7.74	7.20
129	115	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.76	7.11
111	106	Treas 8½% 2007	109	+	7.74	7.09
102	96	Treas 7¼% 2007	101	+	7.14	7.03
118	108	Treas 9% 2008	114	+	7.84	7.05
108	101	Treas 8% 2009	107	+	7.44	7.05
LONGS (over 15 years)						
96	86	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	+	6.71	7.06
118	108	Conv 9% 2011	116	+	7.70	7.07
119	109	Treas 9% 2012	117	+	7.65	7.07
89	80	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87	+	6.27	6.88
110	100	Treas 8% 2013	108	+	7.34	7.05
107	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	+	7.31	7.07
111	101	Treas 8% 2015	110	+	7.25	6.99
120	109	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	+	7.39	7.02
113	101	Tr 8% 2021	112	+	7.14	6.95
UNDATED						
50	43	War Ln 3½%	49	+	7.02	
35	30	Treas 2½%	34	+	7.18	
55	49	Consols 4%	55	+	7.24	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114	113	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114	+	..	1.90
187	184	Treas IL 2% 2001	187	+	2.94	3.62
189	180	Treas IL 2½% 2003	189	+	3.11	3.60
120	117	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+	3.17	3.59
195	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	194	+	3.25	3.58
176	170	Treas IL 2½% 2009	175	+	3.27	3.53
183	176	Treas IL 2½% 2011	182	+	3.31	3.53
151	144	Treas IL 2½% 2013	150	+	3.33	3.53
161	153	Treas IL 2½% 2016	161	+	3.35	3.53
155	147	Treas IL 2½% 2020	154	+	3.40	3.56
129	122	Treas IL 2½% 2024	128	+	3.41	3.55
126	119	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125	+	3.41	3.56

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	115½		0.6	22.3
215	170	Cafe Inns▼	185		2.0	17.4
230	153½	Country Gdns	211	- ½	1.0	15.1
262½	180	Dawson Hldgs	215		2.8	20.7
51½	33½	Freepages	37½	+ 1		
98½	75	Megalomedia	83½	- ½	0.3	41.6
65	22½	Memory Corp	36			
590	280	Prism Rail	291		..	...
1265	945	Ramco Egy	1152½	+ 2½	0.1	
783	619½	Southern News	754		3.0	24.4
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	67½	.	3.9	.
60½	17½	Trocadero	30½	- ½		.

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

Rural Wales makes gains from inward investment

By Iola Smith

EUROPEAN and Japanese inward investors are expected to create 100 new jobs in rural Wales this year, according to the Development Board for Rural Wales.

One company, Wipak of Finland, has set up its UK headquarters at Welshpool, Powys, where it is employing 15 people to manufacture packaging film for the fresh food industry. A further 13 jobs will be created as new products are developed. The company has already developed a new product for the fresh meat packaging sector.

Wipak is part of Wohuri Group, a £400 million multinational company with factories in Finland, North America and Wales.

Wipak's neighbours at Welshpool include MVO Spa of Italy, which makes components for computer printers and fax machines, and Traltec, a Japanese automotive component manufacturer.

The development board is keen to attract more inward investment to the region, particularly small manufacturing firms that can supply components to large companies in the Midlands and South Wales.

Small businesses are regarded as the key to the region's future and, as a marketing tool to attract them, the board has come up with a virtual reality package that illustrates the advantages of rural Wales as a business location. It can be run on any computer so that the owners of small firms can see what the region has to offer without having to leave their desks in America, Europe or the Far East.

Susan Pape reports on two innovators in fashion

Coats of many products

CORPORATE clothing takes on a new dimension when the designer Christine Hughes gets involved. Many organisations are happy for their look to include the traditional blue blazer with grey skirt or trousers, but Ms Hughes sees potential in using clients' products to create inventive and eye-catching outfits.

Ms Hughes, a costume designer based in Bradford, produces exclusive creations using the sort of objects and equipment that her clients use every day. "Companies are recognised by what they produce and now many of them are becoming aware that they can use those objects as a way of marketing their goods and services," she said.

Since graduating in art and design from Bradford University in 1983, Ms Hughes has created dozens of spectacular costumes for corporate promotions and exhibitions that would not look out of place on the catwalks of Paris or Milan. However, it is only when you look closely that you realise they are not made from the finest linen but from everyday objects such as old CDs, empty washing-up bottles, frozen food packets, car stickers, or computer parts. It might sound like something that would appeal to fans of *Blue Peter*, the children's television programme, who are renowned for their skill with old loo rolls and sticky-backed plastic, but it is far from kids' stuff as far as Ms Hughes's business is concerned.

TIM SMITH

Christine Hughes makes eye-catching corporate costumes that include items her clients use and sell

"I'm inspired by objects and I love the challenge when a company comes to me and asks me to create something from their material," she said. "I'm particularly interested in packaging. I get so excited going round a supermarket and looking at the different containers, thinking what I could make with them."

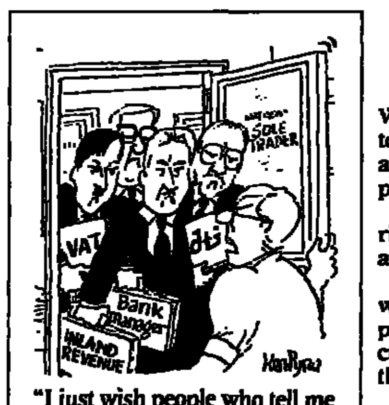
For Jiffy, the packaging company, she created an outfit made from a selection of its products, including bags, bubble plastic, packaging foam and cardboard; for the Co-op, she produced a dress made from frozen food packets and fabric softener bottles; and, for Sony, her creation was made using dozens of silver-coloured mini discs.

Ms Hughes used 25 washing liquid ball containers, half a dozen egg slices and a couple of rubber bath mats to make a stunning creation for the Glasgow Modern Homes Exhibition, and buckets, spades and sticks of rock came in handy for an ensemble for Blackpool Tourism Department. However, Ms Hughes received some decidely funny looks when buying 50 loofahs for an outfit for the Manchester Ship Canal Centenary.

Recent commissions have included an outfit to promote the UK Year of Photography and Electronic Image, which is being hosted in Yorkshire next year and for which Ms Hughes produced a spectacular costume made up of more than a thousand photographs of regional people and local landmarks.

Unusually, Ms Hughes's most recent creation — a spectacular, multicoloured dress to represent this year's Bradford centenary celebrations — is made from fabric, but she is currently working on other corporate designs that involve everyday items and packaging. She will not say what is involved until each creation is finished, but no doubt it involves many a trip to the supermarket.

☐ *Christine Hughes: 01274 400596*



"I just wish people who tell me they envy my independence could meet you lot!"

Designs on the talented young

WHEN Rita Britton opened her top designer fashion shop, Pollyanna, in the centre of Barnsley, people asked: "Why Barnsley?"

She replied: "Why not? It's right in the centre of the country and three minutes from the M1."

Her confidence in the town where she was born and bred paid dividends, and 25 years later customers still flock in from throughout the country.

Now, thanks to Mrs Britton, Barnsley is going one step further in the designer label stakes with the opening of a £250,000 project to act as a shopwindow for home-grown fashion.

A former Yorkshire Electricity showroom has been converted into a manufacturing base for budding young designers. They will be able to see their designs made up into sample collections and will have opportunities to learn about merchandising and marketing.

"Until now we have had dozens of young, talented designers coming out of college with nowhere to go because no one is investing in the fashion industry," Mrs Britton said. "Young talent finds it incredibly difficult to get work produced in this country and many simply disappear abroad."

Mrs Britton decided youngsters needed help and advice from people like herself. Funding proved difficult, but she finally won approval for a £120,000 grant from the Single Regeneration Budget. The centre is expected to generate the rest of the funds it needs.

The work of three young designers is about to be produced at the centre and will be shown to fashion buyers later this year.

Accounts baffle the boss in many firms, says study

By Brian Collett

THE director of a small business deducted pay-as-you-earn tax from employees' wages and used it to finance a project instead of sending it to the Inland Revenue.

He intended to pay the taxman with proceeds from the project, but used more tax deducted during that job to fund the next project. Eventually, his business went into liquidation.

The case illustrates a claim made in a report by RRC Business Training, the former Rapid Results College, in Wimbledon, southwest London, that many bosses in small and medium-sized companies cannot handle the financial side of business.

Nearly half the senior managers in the 420 businesses surveyed did not understand their own company accounts. A common error was believing that a profit-and-loss account showed a company's worth. Mark Gardiner, a senior financial tutor with RRC, said: "They overlooked assets, capital and goodwill. The true value appears on a balance sheet."

Many managers did not understand working capital, depreciation and what constitutes debt, and concentrated on sales without chasing slow payers.

Gary Fallaize, RRC's managing director, said: "Managers who have never had the benefit of formal financial training have to grapple with jargon that accountants and others seem to take for granted.

"This often means that in smaller companies the boss or the board fails to grasp the financial condition of the business and does not fully appreciate the financial implications of proposed actions."

RRC's belief that training is desperately needed is echoed by David Turnbull, chief executive of the UK 200 Group of accountants, which started a risk-management service for banks and businesses last year.

Mr Turnbull said: "The proprietor has to cope with this important element of the business, having no in-depth knowledge of credit control, stock control and costing. He doesn't invoice regularly. He does a lot by the seat of the pants, and how he does it is miraculous."

Mr Turnbull believes that many more financial courses for small businesses should be available.

Three fairs link up for the home-based

By Brian Collett

A NEW show for home-based business people has arisen from the annual offbeat inventors' exhibition.

The Office@Home Show, at the Barbican, London, from November 27 to 30, will be geared to home-based businesses, the self-employed and homeworkers, including the growing number of teleworking executives.

Malcolm Cook, whose company, Sphinx Exhibitions, runs the London International Inventions Fair, said that many of the inventors worked from home and many of the visitors were people setting up home-based businesses.

He added that exhibitors at the International Business Opportunities Exhibition, which he ran in tandem with the inventors' fair in March, were looking for agents and distributors to help them to expand, and they needed small businesses to provide these services. Mr Cook is bringing forward both the exhibitions to November and is mounting them at the same time as the Office@Home Show to give exhibitors the maximum opportunity to do business.

Foreign exhibitors are also being invited to the International Business Opportunities Exhibition, so participating companies in the three shows may have the chance to start exporting, or increasing their overseas trade.

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Consideration for site was redevelopment

Regina v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte O'Malley

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Judge

[Judgment July 31]

Section 61 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 did not require a local authority to set aside the sum representing the true value of its disposals to a private company when the consideration for the site was not money but the entire redevelopment of the site by the company for which the local authority would make a certain contribution.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Mr Eugene O'Malley against the refusal of Lord Justice Schiemann, sitting as a judge of the High Court, on March 13, 1997 of his application for judicial review of the decision taken by the policy and resources committee of the council on June 26, 1996 approving a framework agreement between the local authority and New Horizons (Brent) Ltd by which the local authority would transfer its freehold interest of the Bison Estate in the Chalkhill Estate, Wembley.

Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Nigel Giffin for Mr O'Malley; Miss Presiley Baxendale, QC, Mr Michael Fordham and Mr Andrew Hunter for Brent.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the Chalkhill Estate in the London Borough of Brent was divided into two estates: the Bison Estate and the Scientist Estate. From the outset the Bison Estate, comprising 1,276 flats, proved a constant source of problems and eventually the local authority decided on a comprehensive scheme for its demolition and redevelopment.

In 1993 a design and development contest was arranged. In April 1994 the local authority's housing committee confirmed that the successful submission had been made by a consortium consisting of Wimpey (UK) Ltd and Metropolitan Housing Trust Ltd (MHT).

Accordingly, the local authority entered into an agreement with the company owned by Wimpey and MHT, New Horizons (Brent) Ltd. That company had no assets save for those with which the scheme provided it and the enforcement of its obligations was limited to the extent of its available assets under the scheme.

The objectives of the scheme approved on June 24 were summarised by Lord Justice Schiemann: The local authority would transfer its freehold interest in various parts of the Bison Estate to New Horizon for at most nominal monetary consideration; before any part of the estate was transferred the local authority would rehouse the occupants of the 1,276 dwellings affected. After clearance, an area of not more than nine acres would be disposed for the development of a supermarket; part of the site was to be developed by Wimpey for private owner occupation and the remainder would be developed to provide up to 450 new units of social housing and a park.

In relation to the Scientist Estate, Lord Justice Schiemann found, inter alia, that the local authority was to transfer it to New Horizons on condition that New Horizons had a contract with MHT to acquire the freehold for £2 million.

It was envisaged that MHT would lease back those dwellings to the local authority whose tenants had not indicated that they wished to become tenants of MHT and the local authority would pay £2.5 million for those leases. The fabric of the whole estate would be refurbished by MHT and the local authority would pay a subsidy up to a maximum of £7.68 million .

The major contention advanced on behalf of Mr O'Malley was that the arrangements made by the council conflicted with the statutory provisions which regulated financial arrangements made by local authorities.

The agreement committed the local authority to substantial long term expenditure of £25.2 million, assuming receipt of £8 million for the supermarket site and the refinancing of a deferred purchase agreement of £7.6 million. Making those assumptions, the programme anticipated a cumulative deficit of £8.929 million.

The critical area of argument between Mr Howell and Miss Baxendale arose in connection with section 61 of the 1989 Act which applied to what were described as capital receipts not wholly paid in money to the local authority.

Mr Howell submitted that the local authority's decision to proceed on the basis that there was no requirement to set aside any of the proceeds of the disposals under the framework agreement to meet credit liabilities contravened section 61 because it was obliged to determine what the consideration would have been for those disposals if it had been wholly in money. That obligation extended to each individual disposal.

Therefore, he argued, the Scientist Estate should have been valued as it stood on the basis of a sale to a willing purchaser. The best calculation of that figure was £7.5 million which should have been treated as a capital receipt; 75 per cent should have been set aside.

Mr Howell's submission thus meant that before the framework agreement could have been approved the local authority, and any other local authority in the same position, would have to make arrangements for 75 per cent, or the prescribed proportion, of the sum which had not and would never be received to be set aside.

In their Lordships' judgment, if so designed, legislation designed to prevent extravagant dissipation of local authority assets would have the effect of stultifying proposals deemed desirable by the local authority.

The consideration to which section 61 applied required analysis of the framework agreement as a whole. It would be wholly artificial to approach a complex transaction by reference to the terms which involved disposal of the local authority's assets without including the corresponding advantages derived from the agreement by the local authority.

The effect would be to create a fictitious rather than a notional capital receipt while simultaneously obliging the local authority to set aside substantial sums from real funds.

From the local authority's point of view the framework agreement conferred a significant benefit: to achieve those perceived advantages the authority was prepared to dispose of some of its assets.

In their Lordships' judgment, for the purposes of section 61, the consideration involved an evaluation of the whole transaction encompassed in the framework agreement, and was not limited to the value of any individual disposals which formed part of it.

Solicitors: Mr Paul im Thurm, Brent; Mr Paul Barber, Brent.

Judge has power to refuse relief despite flaw

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Walters

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Judge

[Judgment July 31]

It was perfectly within the discretion of the judge to refuse to grant relief in judicial review proceedings despite finding that the consultation process prescribed by statute was flawed.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Aston Ellisford Walters against the refusal of Lord Justice Schiemann, sitting as a High Court judge, on March 13, 1997, of Mr Walters' application for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment on June 24, 1996 consenting to the redevelopment of the Chalkhill Estate in Wembley.

Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Nigel Giffin for Mr Walters; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Ian Burnett for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that Mr Walters was a secure tenant on the Scientist Estate, part of the Chalkhill Estate.

He was mainly concerned with two of the elements of the scheme: first the disposal of the freehold of the whole of the Chalkhill Estate and second the leaseback from MHT, the redevelopers, to the local authority of the dwellings on the Scientist Estate where the tenants had not indicated a wish to become tenants of MHT.

After considering the substantial bundle of documents and affidavits, and submissions on behalf of the secretary of state, Lord Justice Schiemann had concluded that the consultation process prescribed by statute was flawed.

He identified two particular steps in the process which required the consent of the secretary of state, first, the original disposal, that is, the disposal of the whole estate to a private landlord, and second, the subsequent disposal, that is the lease back from MHT to the local authority of the properties on the Scientist Estate occupied by tenants who wished to remain council tenants.

In summary, the consultation process in relation to the original disposal was held to be flawed because it was conducted by the local authority on the basis that the disposal of their properties in the Scientist Estate would be limited to dwellings occupied by tenants who voted positively that those tenancies should be transferred to MHT whereas the scheme in its final form provided that all the properties should be included in the transfer whether or not the tenants had voted in favour.

Moreover, there was no consultation specifically directed to the transfer of the relevant interests to New Horizons and furthermore, none of the consultation process was directed to the subsequent disposals back to the local authority by way of lease back. Nevertheless, as a matter of discretion, Lord Justice Schiemann refused to grant relief.

In exercising his discretion, Lord Justice Schiemann noted the precise flaws in an extensive consultation process. He recognised that he would not lightly condone the by-passing of consultation requirements imposed by statute. He took account of the argument that the majority of tenants on the estate favoured the scheme because of its manifest benefits. He then warned himself that if the consultation process had been properly implemented the reaction of the majority of tenants might have been different, and indeed might have resulted in the application of paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A of the Housing Act 1985, as inserted by section 6(2) and (3) of, and Schedule 1 to the Housing and Planning Act 1986, and prevented the consent being given, whatever the secretary of state's views about the merits of the scheme.

He then considered the interests of those who were "clearly anxious for this scheme to go ahead for reasons which are obvious: the conditions in which they live are highly unsatisfactory".

He took account of every point available to Mr Walters, his legitimate interests and entitlement, and the effect on him of non-compliance with the consultation process. He noted that Mr Walters was the only tenant to make the application and that he had waited for three months before doing so.

He concluded that the effect on his legal rights would be minimal or non-existent. Subject to an appropriate undertaking to ensure that Mr Walters's right to buy was preserved, he concluded in all the circumstances that he should refuse to grant relief.

In their Lordships' judgment there was no basis for them to interfere with Lord Justice Schiemann's exercise of his discretion and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Mr Paul im Thurm, Brent; Treasury Solicitor.

Health authority operated unlawful policy

Regina v North Derbyshire Health Authority, Ex parte Fisher

Before Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment July 11]

Where a health authority was shown to be operating a policy in effect opposed to that contained in a National Health Service circular it was acting unlawfully and would be ordered to put in place a policy conforming with the policy set out in that circular.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Kenneth Graeme Fisher for judicial review of the North Derbyshire Health Authority's decision to decline to fund his treatment with beta interferon. The Secretary of State for Health was joined as an interested party.

In December 1989 Mr Fisher was diagnosed as suffering from multiple sclerosis. In 1995 he was referred to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and assessed by a consultant neurologist to be suitable for the drug beta interferon.

In fact the drug had been "red lined" by the Health Authority which meant it had to be specially authorised as it was so expensive. The chief executive of the health authority refused to authorise the prescription as the authority had insufficient funds.

There followed correspondence between the applicant's parents, the health authority, the local member of Parliament and the Prime Minister, Mr John Major, as to when the drug would be prescribed to the applicant.

The health authority stated its policy was to fund the drug only as part of a proposed nationwide random trial test or a local trial. Following a speech by the Secretary of State for Health saying that to ban treatment of the drug would not be acceptable, minutes of meetings of the health authority stated: "It was noted in the light of Stephen Dorrell's speech that a blanket ban was not acceptable however it might be possible to have creative constraints".

On May 2, 1996 the health authority issued a statement that there was no question of a blanket ban on the drug but in practice it was not setting up a local trial or joining in a nationwide trial.

In its budget the authority had set aside £50,000 for the drug. That money was not spent and that part of the budget was cancelled when the authority found it had overspent on its overall budget.

NHS Circular EL 95 (97) dated November 15, 1995 requested purchasing authorities and providers within the NHS to develop and manage the entry of drugs like the drug into the NHS and in particular to initiate and continue prescribing beta interferon through hospitals.

Mr John Grace, QC and Mr Jason Galbraith-Marten for the applicant; Mr Anthony Seys Llewellyn for the health authority; Mr David Elvin for the Secretary of State of Health.

MR JUSTICE DYSON said it was clear that the circular both in substance and form was advisory and not mandatory. The only duty placed on the health authority was to take it into account in the discharge of its functions.

The policy of the health authority in 1996 was to prescribe the drug only within a trial. That policy was not lawful as the authority was under a duty to give serious consideration to the contents of the circular. The circular gave guidance on how the drug could be introduced into the NHS and requested that appropriate patients for the drug be targeted.

The probable aim of a trial was not to prescribe drugs in order to treat patients but to test their efficacy. Thus the policy of the health authority could not at any time be described as being within the circular.

This was not a case of a health authority considering national policy within a circular and departing from it. The authority was opposed to the policy and decided to disregard it. That was something it was not entitled to do.

The authority produced evidence that following the postponement of the national trial it operated special cases only criteria in respect of the drug. Its evidence on that aspect was so unsatisfactory that it was not possible to conclude what the special cases were.

The evidence of the authority as regards the £50,000 in its budget for the use of the drug was almost non-existent.

The affidavit of Dr McConville, the director of public health of the health authority, revealed that the £50,000 could have been released and used on the drug. The health authority gave no acceptable reasons why that was not done.

In particular the minutes of the meeting of the authority of November 19, 1996 in which it was stated there could be no recommendation of a change of policy, were disingenuous as in fact there was no policy to prescribe the drug.

His Lordship concluded the authority's policy as regarded the drug was unlawful. The authority was aware at an early stage that its policy was unlawful and there was a blanket ban on the prescription of the drug.

The phrase "creative constraints" was a surprising one in the context of health care.

A declaration was granted that the authority's policy was unlawful; an order was made quashing its decision to decline to prescribe the drug to the applicant and it was ordered to form and implement a policy which took into account the policy of the circular within a period of 14 days in view of its conduct.

Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield; Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave, Sheffield; Treasury Solicitor.

Sentences form single term

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Walker

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Jowitt

[Judgment July 29]

When a court reactivated part of an unserved prison term at the same time as imposing a sentence of imprisonment for a new offence, the order for return and the new sentence constituted a single term.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing the application of Andrew Walker for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to treat him as a long-term prisoner.

Mr Henry Blaxland for the applicant; Mr Steven Kovats for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant had committed an offence of burglary while on licence from an earlier sentence.

The court ordered him to return to prison for 16 months of his unserved sentence, under section 40 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, to be followed by a sentence of three years and 11 months imprisonment in respect of the new offence.

The applicant had contended that section 51(2) of the 1991 Act, which provided that consecutive terms should be treated as a single term, did not apply to section 40 since there was no power in section 40 to make a reactivated sentence consecutive to a new sentence. Therefore, he had argued, the two terms should be treated separately, making him a short-term prisoner in respect of each.

In the court's judgment that was wrong. Section 40(4)(a) expressly provided that a section 40 order was to be a sentence of imprisonment for the purposes of Part II of the 1991 Act.

Since section 51(2) was in Part II of the Act it followed that it applied, and the order for return, whether served before or concurrently with the new sentence, constituted a single term with the new sentence.

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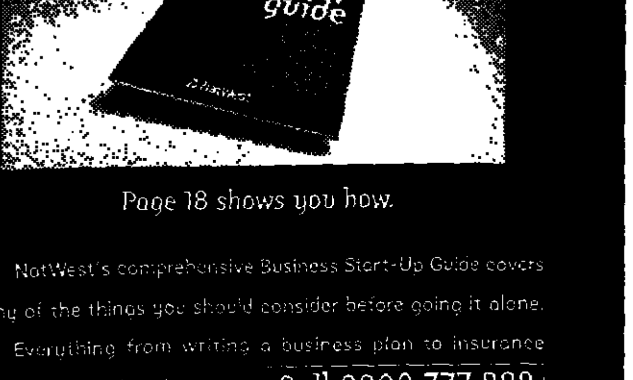

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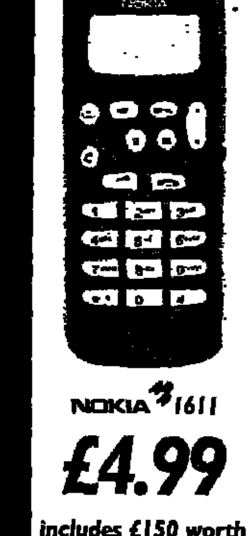

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS Riccardo Chailly conducts the first of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra's two Promenade concerts. An all-Strauss programme begins with the Prelude to Act 1 of *Guntram*. *Death and Transfiguration* and *Don Quixote* are performed either side of the interval.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm

CANTERBURY TALES: New version by Richard Hope of what the Miller, the Knight, the Reeve and the Pardoner told, directed by John Cosgrave. Probably not untouched by anachronism.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Sep 4, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until September 28.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: Tim Supple's successful touring production for the Royal Shakespeare Company, a darker comedy than usual, in London for five weeks.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed (from Sep 10) and Sat, 2.30pm. Until October 11.

RAKU. British potters Tim Andrews, Antonia Salmon, David Roberts, Peter Hayes and Anne James are exhibiting their distinctive raku ceramics.
Barbican, Concourse Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm; Sun, noon-7.30pm. Until October 29. ♿

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: Jacqueline Charlesworth plays Bathsheba in Matthew White's new adaptation of a Hardy favourite, **Far From the Madding Crowd**.
Watermill, Bagnor, Newbury (01635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat (except Oct 4), 2.30pm; Oct 4, 6.30pm. Until October 4.

COVENTRY: Stage bio of Ellie Greenwich, writer of dozens of the do-wop hits and creator of the girl groups of the 1960s. Characters include Tina Turner and Phil Spector. Tap your feet to *Da Do Ron Ron* and sob your heart out at the title number, **Leader of the Pack**. Brrm brrm.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553055). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Sep 4, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Sep 24), 2.30pm, Sat (Sep 13, 27), 4pm. Until September 27.

Woking is rocking to Buddy Holly's music

DUNDEE: **Scottish Opera Go Round** begins touring Britain with Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, under the direction of Matthew Lloyd of the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester.
Rep, Tay Square ♿ (01382 223530). Tonight, 7.30pm. Next in **Paisley**, Town Hall (0141-887 1010), Thursday, 7.30pm

NEWCASTLE: Stephanie Beacham, Joe McGann, Hugh Dennis and Jeremy Clyde are the key players in Simon Brett's touring production of his murder-mystery, **Silhouette**.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (0191-232 2061). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, and Sat, 2.30pm. Until September 6. Next in **Bromley**, Churchill (0181-460 6677), September 8-13.

WOKING. Buddy Holly's music lives on in the hit West End musical **Buddy**. *Peggy Sue*, *La Bamba* and *Heartbeat* are just some of the songs on offer.
New Victoria, Peacocks Arts Centre (01483 761144). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.45pm and 8.45pm. Until September 13 ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

British Library Galleries: Designer Bookbinders (0171-323 7111) . . **British Museum**: The Ceramic Art of Sawada Chilojin (0171-636 1555) . . . **Chris Beetles**: Louis Wain and the Summer Cat Show (0171-839 7551) **Gasworks**: New York Drawers: the Pierogi 2000 Flatfiles (0171-735 3445) **The Ice House**: Sarah Lugg — Fragments of Nature (0171-603 1123) **Lisson**: Jason Martin (0171-724 2739) **National**: Cranach. A Closer Look (0171-747 2885) . . . **Portal**: Mark Copeland (0171-493 0706) . . . **Redfern**: Elizabeth Butterworth (0171-734 1732) . . **Tate**: Beat Streuli (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Shamiana: The Mughal Tent (0171-938 8349/8441)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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☐ **ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**: Updating this Shakespeare to modern times gives the comedy a good sharp edge. With Frances Cuka and Nigel Planer.
Open Air, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Final performances tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. In rep

☐ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**: Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ ***A CHASTE MAID IN CHEAPSIDE***. Ironic title for Middleton's funniest comedy, greed, lust and a touch of love. Mark Rylance plays Allwit, the contented cuckold. Malcolm McKay directs.
Globe, New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-316 4703). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep

☐ **ELVIS — THE MUSICAL**: Three actors-singers take us through the life of the King, with Michael Dimitri playing the mature Elvis. Strictly for fans.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Until September 6

☐ ***EVE OF RETIREMENT***: Blistering play by Thomas Bernhard set in the family of a former SS officer (Julian Curry) during his annual celebration of Himmler's birthday.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until September 6

☐ **FAMILY CIRCLES**: Early Ayckbourn, fiendishly ingenious, where three women switch partners for each act, though it doesn't help them much. A sell-out last winter and making a welcome return.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (Sep 4), 2.30pm, and Sat, 4pm. Until September 27

☐ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Kate Duchêne plays Shakespeare's daughter and Christopher Hunter her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **HURLYBURLY**: David Rabe's savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, Jenny Seagrove, Andy Serkis and David Tennant.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5105). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm

☐ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until September 6

☐ **THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE**: New play by Karoline Leach, set in 1912 in a hotel at Weston-super-Mare, directed by Bob Tomson. Paul Nicholas plays a confidence trickster and Susan Penhaligon a lovelorn spinster.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **PYGMALION**: Amusing, unshowy revival with Roy Marsden, Michael Elphick and newcomer Carli Morris.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

☐ **SKYLIGHT**: Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet in David Hare's play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ◪ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ◪ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) . . ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ◪ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CONSPIRACY THEORY** (15): Over-inflated, mood-swinging thriller with Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, directed by Richard Donner.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE FULL MONTY** (15): Unemployed steelworkers strip for cash. Bouncy British comedy with Robert Carlyle. Director, Peter Cattaneo.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

CURRENT

◆ **BEAN** (PG): Rowan Atkinson's bumbler is let loose in LA. Jokes galore, some sentiment, no subtlety. With Peter MacNicol and (briefly) Burt Reynolds.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆**EVENT HORIZON** (18): Grisly sci-fi adventure with Laurence Fishburne and Sam Neill. Director, Paul Anderson.
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◆ **GROSSE POINTE BLANK** (15): Troubled hit man hits his class reunion. Hip comedy with John Cusack, Minnie Driver and Dan Aykroyd.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

LOST HIGHWAY (18): Striking but insular David Lynch conundrum, with Bill Pullman and Patricia Arquette.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate Notting Hill** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **MEN IN BLACK** (PG): Hip blockbuster about aliens in Manhattan, with Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **ONE FINE DAY** (15): Two single parents juggle kids and careers. Beguiling comedy with George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer.
ABC Shaftesbury Av (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** ♿ (0181-315 4215)

PLEIN SOLEIL (PG): Lightly appealing thriller adapted from Patricia Highsmith, with Alain Delon, made in 1959. Director, René Clément.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

WHEN WE WERE KINGS (PG): Joyous Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman in 1974.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Prince Charles** (0171-437 8181) **Riverside** (0181-741 2255)

Are these the best authors of the past 20 years? Nicolette Jones on a global poll

The world's English prize

Several times of late the people of Britain have stood up to be counted about their literary taste. In January Waterstone's ran its Books of the Century promotion. Twenty-five thousand readers listed their top five books of the past hundred years (the elves had it: *Lord of the Rings* came first). On Sunday we discovered (thanks to the BBC and, again, Waterstone's) that Britain's favourite children's book was Roald Dahl's *Matilda*. Already the nation has chosen its favourite poems, a selection which is riding high in the paperback bestseller lists.

Now a vote is under way that makes these choices look parochial. This time the voters are worldwide. The *Good Book Guide*, a magazine with an international mail order service for books, which recommends reading matter independently of publishers or advertisers, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary with a bid to find the best books published in English (including translations) in the past two decades.

The selection process passes its first stage today. The *Guide* invited its subscribers, more than 40,000 of them in over 200 countries, to choose their favourites in three categories: fiction, non-fiction and children's books. In addition, the *Guide*'s own panel of ten experts made a further selection, and at a ceremony this evening the readers' and the panel's shortlists will be announced. Subscribers will choose between these books before the end of September, and their absolute favourites will be announced in the *Guide's* Christmas issue (out in November).

The initial survey yielded choices of some 900 books, and the shortlists (of five in each category) are, not surprisingly, more international in flavour than the home-grown polls, and also more highbrow. Top of the fiction choices were Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*, Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*, Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Remains of the Day*, Louis de Bernières's *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* and Michael Ondaatje's *The English Patient*. (The panel added a further five: A.S. Byatt's *Possession*, Jeanette Winterson's *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit*, Angela Carter's *Nights at the Circus*, Gabriel Garcia Marquéz's *Love in the Time of Cholera* and Nobel prizewinner Naguib Mahfouz's *The Cairo Trilogy*.)

The *Guide* sorted the subscribers' non-fiction choices into three prominent categories: biography, history and science. Far and away the leading biography (with a good chance of being the overall winner) was Jung Chang's *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*. With it were former hostage Brian Keenan's *An Evil Cradling*, Nelson Mandela's autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom*, and biographies of the Brontës (by Juliet Barker) and Nelson (by Christopher Hibbert). The panel's choice included Richard Ellman's *Oscar Wilde*, Primo Levi's *The Periodic Table* (the first English translation was published in the past 20 years) and lives of Lenin (by Dmitri Volkogonov) and Dickens (Peter Ackroyd).

> ‘These international choices shame our domestic lists’

Top history books included Eric Hobsbawm's history of the 20th century and Norman Davies's of Europe, though Simon Schama and Orlando Figes also got a look in on the panel's selection. And science-loving readers chose Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*, Richard Dawkins's revision of Darwin, *The Blind Watchmaker*, Dava Sobel's *Longitude*, Steven Pinker's *The Language Instinct* and Steve Jones's *The Language of the Genes*.

Children's books, judging by the shortlist, are not *Guide* readers' main expertise, but Roald Dahl's *BFG* did get in, and Lynne Reid Banks's *The Indian in the Cupboard*. (The panel made a more interesting selection.)

These international choices shame our domestic lists. They are (children's books apart) challenging books with big themes; they are literary and important, milestones of international culture. This is partly because, in this instance, the electorate is already an elite. *Guide* subscribers are book-lovers who read a lot. Their preferences may also be filtered through the *Guide's* own recommendations: most of their choices have appeared in the *Guide* in the past 20 years.

It could also be, for some, that these are the only English books they have read. Eighty-five per cent of *Guide* readers live abroad; a third of them have English as a second language. Nevertheless, although the *Guide's* recommendations are selected by erudite editorial advisers, it also includes commercial fiction. What this list reveals is our narrowness. The world recognises Naguib Mahfouz. We have hardly heard of him.

Final votes are already pouring in in their thousands from Argentina, Malta, Eastern Europe, Zambia and Zimbabwe, among others. They offer us a more discriminating lesson in the best literature available in Britain than we can teach ourselves.

There were two other books that were repeatedly voted for but which had to be excluded because it turned out that they were published just longer ago than 20 years. One was Thomas Pynchon's *Gravity Rainbow*. The other, which *Guide* editor Bonnie Falconer admits has been one of its enduring bestsellers over the years, is *84 Charing Cross Road*. People who order English books from abroad obviously identify. Helene Hanff, a well-educated reader, would have been delighted with their choices.

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Plenty of teeth but not much bite

POP

Wet Wet Wet
Wembley Arena

No one seems to have told Wet Wet Wet that the shelf life of a bantamweight pop combo is supposed to be three or four years. The Glaswegian quartet are spending 1997 celebrating a decade in the charts and thumbing a collective nose at those who decry their flavourless musical confectionery.

When they previously trod these very boards late in 1993, I remarked that their performance had all the showmanship and sparkle of the average soundcheck. Further roadwork has sharpened their stage sensibilities, but on the latest evidence, a Wet Wet Wet live show remains a flattening experience for the uncommitted. For their card-carrying loyalists, the set appeared to satisfy, if not scintillate. The setting was uninspiring: a staircase, video screen and a few fireworks are small potatoes in these times of often Spielbergian stage constructions. Marti Pellow, the vocalist with the ten-year grin, marked his pearly whites' first decade of service by leading the lads into their debut hits, *Sweet Little Mystery* and *Wishing I Was Lucky*.

During the latter, a video image of Margaret Thatcher's Francis of Assisi election victory speech flashed before us, overlaid with the legend "four million unemployed". Pondering the relevance of a comment made eight years before the record, we wondered if we were in for a kind of innumerate production of *The Rock 'n' Roll Years*. The tactic was not used again.

Instead the scene shifted to their current album, *10*, as well as covers of *Summer In The City* and *Jamming*, as an evening of well-executed, ineffably safe material unfolded. One wondered why artists of such experience and some potential feel no need to explore any musical hinterlands.

Their answer to that was probably in big-band encores of *Beyond The Sea* and an original piece in the same style, *Maybe I'm In Love*. But the grasp of prematurely pipe-and-slippers pop never loosens its grip on them for long.

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Last night Bolton Wanderers kicked off in a stunning new stadium. **Marcus Binney** reports on our new sporting cathedrals

For decades the local football club's grandstand has been an eyesore *second only* to the town gasholder. No longer. The latest stadiums are *triumphs* of high-tech architecture and engineering to be set alongside the most adventurous airports and bridges. They are, say some, the *cathedrals of our time*. And four magnificent new examples open this season, at Derby, Stoke City, Sunderland (the so-called "Stadium of Light") *and — topping them all* — the new 25,000-seater, £30.8 million Bolton Wanderers stadium. It opened last night, it is named after Reebok (the *major sponsor*), and it is built without a penny of lottery funding.

As you drive north up the M61 four giant *stick-insects* loom into view, craning inwards as if looking into a crib. These are the three-legged towers that support the long, clear *spans* of the stadium roofs, their diamond heads designed to hold batteries of floodlights. Dale Jennins of Lobb Sports, the architects, says: "Our brief was clear. The club wanted a major landmark."

Built on a 200-acre site north of *the city, this* is far more than a simple football ground. Rather, it is a whole "leisure village", planned to include a sports training centre, tennis courts, an athletics track and *community football pitches. Inside* there are conference, exhibition and banqueting facilities on offer seven days a week, with further *space available for large shopping* malls. The *Antiques Road Show* is coming in November, followed by rock concerts. Tunnel entrances at *the corners allow articulated lorries* to drive in and unload equipment direct on stage. "There's nothing like it in Britain," boasts the club's spokesman, *Alan Fullilove*.

Though the highest seats are 75 feet above the ground, the whole stadium can be emptied in just eight minutes. And for the first time disabled seating has been provided on the second level, sealed off in its own protection zone with escape facilities across a covered bridge into an adjoining building.

Construction has been completed in just 15 months, but the hallowed grass was sown a season before the builders arrived. Flat-bladed spring grass is mixed *with rye to* provide just the right element of bounce. "It's grown in 11 inches of *loam*, meshed in with filaments like human hair, making it virtually impossible to kick up a divot," says Phil Hampson, resident engineer.

For *pop concerts*, the whole ground can be floored over with five-sided interlocking pieces, which do no harm if taken up *within 24 hours. Beneath the grass*, 22 miles of heated water pipes ensure that the pitch is never too hard to play on.

In the new all-seater *stadiums*, sightlines are as important as in any London theatre. "The aim was to keep all spectators within 90 metres of the centrepoint," says Jennins, "and to give people a clear line of sight to the edge of the pitch over the heads in front." Leg room *has been increased too. "I am six* foot four, and at Manchester United's ground, Old Trafford, I struggle with 27 inches of legroom. People are getting taller, *so at* Bolton we've provided 33 inches."

Sponsors have 44 boxes, each *opening through* French windows onto ten outside seats, with a ten-foot drop below so that no one can *look in. Food is cooked in the club's* kitchens and then heated up by hostesses. "We hope to cater for 5,500 on match days," says *Hampson. It is all part of a strategy* to turn a match into a whole-day event, with replays of the last away game being broadcast from mid-*day onwards, bringing peak arrival* times of the fans forward two hours.

The new era of stadium architecture began *at Huddersfield last* year where Tony Hunt, the engineer of the new terminus at *Waterloo, had a hand. At Bolton*, the engineers Deakin Callard, working with Watson Steel, take the high-tech conjuring a stage *further. The huge, gently arching* roofs weigh in at a cool 1,800 tons and are suspended from dramatic inward-leaning trusses. It looks *like a cantilever bridge construction*, but in fact it is a straightforward arch.

Jennins explains: "A roof like this *is more likely to take off in strong* wind than fall down. We've left it partially open at the back to ensure *an even flow of air above and* below." The open back creates the problem that the supporting roar of the crowd could escape. The architects *counteract it by forming the* lower tier of seating as a single bowl. The new all-seater stadiums create another problem: "People *don't sing in seats as readily as* when standing on terraces. But the club is looking at ways of seating good singers together. If one group *starts, it catches on*."

The new stadium at Bolton is a three-way partnership between the *local authority*, which gave the land, a developer, and a club, helped along by EU and Football Trust grants. It has opened absolutely debt-free.

By contrast to Bolton's extravaganza, Sunderland has gone for economy, achieving 41,600 seats for *little more than £20 million*. The Stoke and Derby stadiums, meanwhile, have been designed by the Miller Partnership, whose Ibrox *stadium in Glasgow was singled* out for favourable mention in the Taylor report. Peter Smith, a partner, says: "*The key elements of the* new stadiums are safety, sightlines, spectator comfort and movement, cost effectiveness, architectural expression and commercial potential."

A great feature of the new stadiums are the roofs. Bolton's is *as wide as the motorway*, dramatically waved and undulating. With silhouettes like these, the dozens of new and remodelled football stadi*ums now being built seem set to* become the dominant 21st-century landmarks of Britain.

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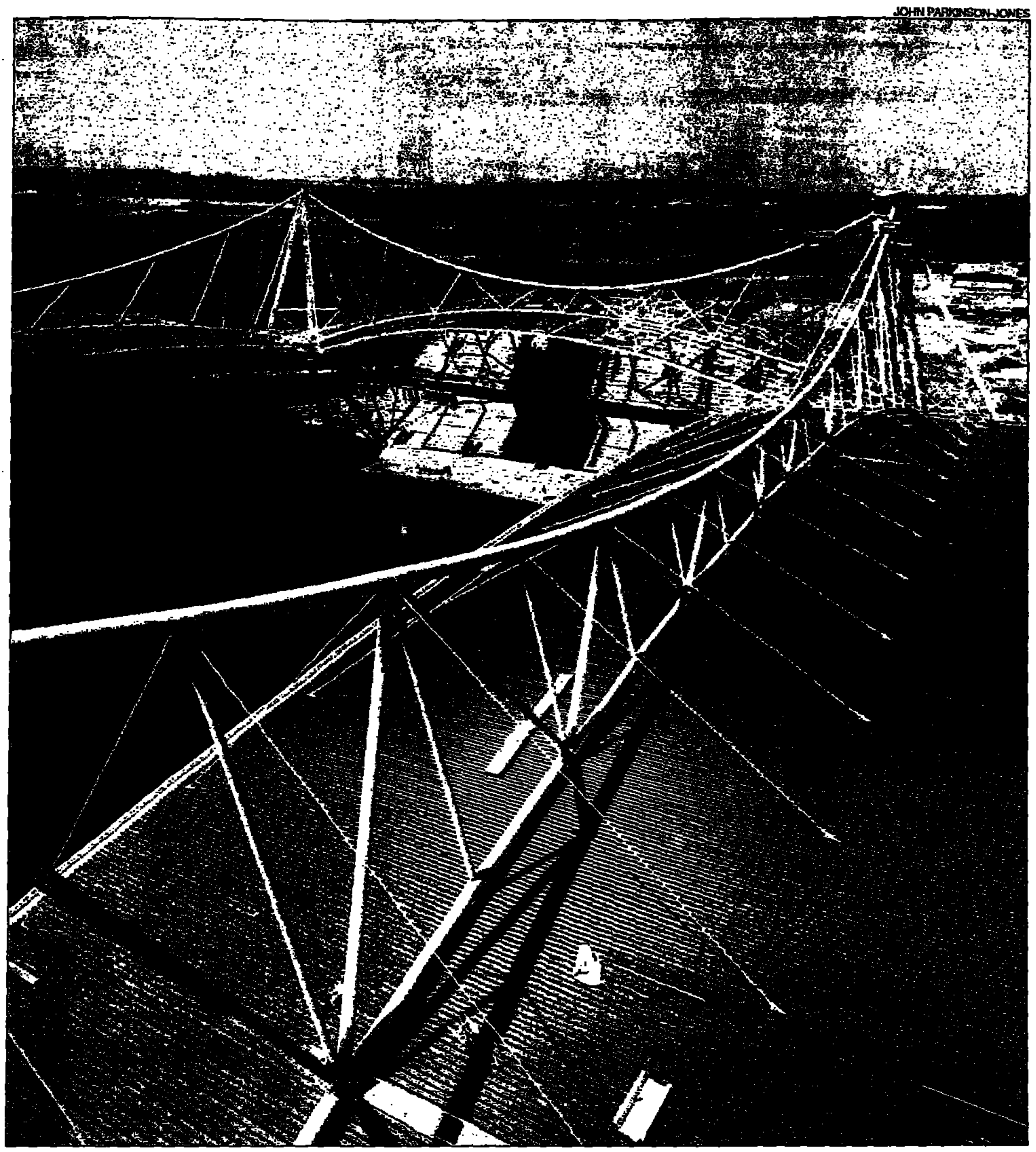

Bolton's new 25,000-seater, £30.8 million stadium has tennis courts, an athletics track, exhibition facilities and space for shopping malls

AROUND THE ART GALLERIES

WHEN he died earlier this year, aged 71, **Alistair Grant** *was best known as a print*maker. Before his retirement he had worked in the printmaking department of the Royal College for 35 years, and had been its head for the last six; he had influenced generations of students.

But in his own mind he was *still a painter first and fore*most, and after retirement he had concentrated almost exclusively on painting. It is therefore fitting that the memorial exhibition at Art First is also devoted to the paintings. It is a mini-retrospective, but only of the last quarter-century. The figurative works of Grant's youth are ignored, and even his gradual transition in the Sixties from figuration to abstraction.

The story is taken up in the early Seventies, when he was *well on with his reduction of* recognisable subjects (the Battle of Agincourt, the female figure) to formal abstracts, as though *reliving* Cubism for himself. But even in his most freeform abstracts of the Eighties, the spectre of landscape seems to be lurking somewhere, if only in a sense of light shifting across a canvas, a *special opalescence* of colouring. Grant was always a great, subtle colourist, and his widely underestimated work will *surely last*.

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☐ IF THE Grant show is the first of autumn, the show of **Louis Wain** at Chris Beetles is surely the last of summer, his cat pictures now to be put away *until it is time to be* thinking of Christmas presents. Wain was famous for painting funny, curious and cute cats, to the virtual exclusion of any other subjects; and for then going mad and continuing to paint cats, only wilder, *weirder and some*times quite menacing. All phases of his career are represented here, including his *designs of Cubist and Futurist* cats for commercial potteries. (Some thought that helped to make him mad.) In addition to Wain there are several *more* cat illustrators shown.

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BBC PROMS: New orchestral work, and a night of jazz from Cleo and John

Swedish gem set in marble

An ache of communal grief was released at the Proms on Sunday in the falling intervals of *Nimrod* from Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. The piece, a perfectly judged tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, followed a *minute's* silence in a subdued Albert Hall.

The **Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by **Esa-Pekka Salonen**, began its scheduled programme with the British premiere of an eight-minute work by the Swede, Anders Hillborg. His compositions, he declares, range from "conventional rock music to *wild experiment* with microtonal structures": *Liquid Marble* clearly falls into the latter category.

From the *second* bar on, microtones tease and torment the music's texture as first the dissonant interval of the tritone *and then* a consonant perfect fifth are successively distorted by brass and woodwinds, and whipped *into* hysteria by clarinets. Rising chords and fast scales alternate and interweave, the scales like veins in the static chill of the marble. As more distinct, jazzy rhythms urged the work to its final accelerando, Salonen's understanding as a composer himself was revealed. He brought clarity even to a first hearing of this *strange, anguished work*.

The programme was dominated by two classic reworkings of the symphony: Sibelius's Third and Stravinsky's *Symphony in Three Movements*. Salonen's way with *Sibelius is stern* and *tense*: the baton may not sweep all before it like that of Colin Davis, nor search for the music's innermost energies like that of Osmo Vänskä. But Salonen makes Sibelius our contemporary: relentless motivic insistence, *rhythmic* rigour and diamond-cut ensemble make the music uncompromising, new-minted.

Before a similarly demanding Stravinsky performance, which revealed the muscular strings and mellow, rich-toned woodwind of *this* orchestra, the American soprano **Dawn Upshaw** made an eloquent contribution to the Proms' Britten survey with a *robust* performance of his early orchestral song-cycle, *Les Illuminations*. Upshaw springs to vocal life in the French language. Her response to Rimbaud's imaginative world brought a *highly-strung*, animal *energy* to the poet's Symbolist vision.

It was Salonen and this orchestra *who made the first* recording of Lutoslawski's Third Symphony; and the composer's Cello Concerto was given a riveting performance the night before by **Paul Watkins** and the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** conducted by **Tadaaki Otaka**. Watkins, *principal cello of the* BBCSO, fused elegant precision with a sense of fugitive fantasy — a fantasy, *this 1970* Polish work seems to say, in the face of all that is regimented, standardised. This outstanding performance was followed by a bland and less memorable account of Brahms's First Symphony.

HILARY FINCH

Stars and bards

Cleo Laine/ John Dankworth
Albert Hall/Radio 3

THE John 'n' Cleo show rolls *on imperturbably*. The orchestral portion of this joint seventieth birthday programme may have been *uneven — too* many low-calorie excerpts, not enough red meat — but Cleo Laine's ability to swing an audience was clearly *not* inhibited by the ghost of Sir Henry Wood.

Dankworth's jazzier fans *would probably have* preferred to have seen his birthday celebrated by his Generation Band, a distinguished amalgam of *young* and old. His sextet was at least on hand for this occasion, even if it tended to be overshadowed by the combined forces of the BBC Big Band and BBC Concert Orchestra.

A middle-of-the-road pops mood was immediately established with the overture from *Strike Up the Band*, followed by *Belleville Blue*, an original piece boasting an over-ripe arrangement for soprano saxophone and strings that would not sound *out of place on the* Melody FM playlist.

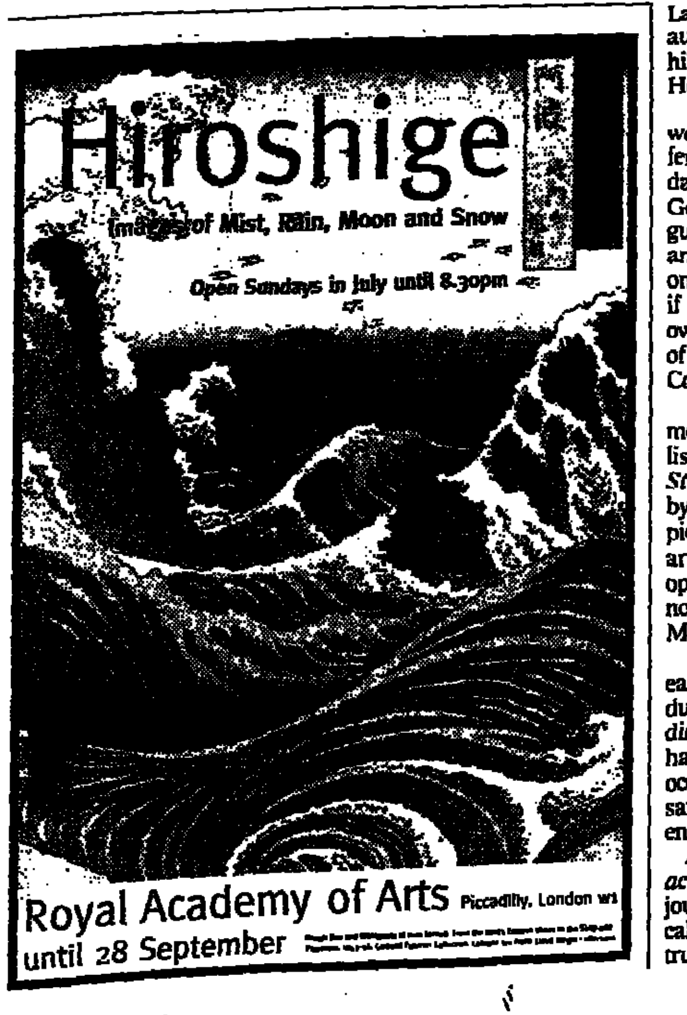
What The Dickens!, an early Sixties suite, was reduced to tantalisingly brief *dimensions, though it did* have the forceful Tim Garland occupying the part in the saxophone duel originally taken by Tubby Hayes.

Another Sixties work, *Zodiac Variations*, an ingenious journey through the astrological chart, came in a less truncated *form*, yielding some of the most energetic playing of the evening from trumpeter Guy Barker. The brief new commission, *Double Vision*, was a characteristically intricate *arrangement*, the *centre* of gravity artfully shifting between the reeds and brass.

But Dankworth's most impressive *work today tends to* lie in settings of standards. While the *Shakespeare Fantasia*, with Laine on vocals, was a heavy-handed adaptation *of* the Bard, the writing for cello and bass in the setting of *Willow Weep For Me* was ravishingly beautiful. And if the funky, Basie-like *arrangement of St Louis Blues* has had plenty of airings in recent years, the clever manipulation of W.C. Handy's themes always repays *attention*.

Laine's *multi-octave* vocals perhaps do not flow quite as smoothly as they did 20 years ago, but there is a darker, more expressive edge *to her singing*. Adding Lorraine Feather's wistful lyrics to *Creole Love Call*, one of four Ellington songs, was an inspired *touch*. And *Fine and Mellow* was further proof, if needed, that the lady really can sing the blues.

CLIVE DAVIS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Schools drawn into litigation firing line

Teachers face more claims from pupils who have been bullied or injured, says Andrew Ford

PETER TREVNOR

Victims of school bullying may turn increasingly to the courts for compensation

Many litigators spend their time defending or bringing professional negligence claims. Usually the claims — and fees — are vast. Solicitors, accountants, surveyors and financial advisers are common defendants, while their insurers are the true target of the claim. Teachers have *not* been regarded as fair game — until now, that is.

Bullying is not new. But the increasing focus on that and other aspects of school life such as standards has put schools, and teachers, in the firing line. In November 1996, a claim by Sebastian Sharp, a former student of Shene School in southwest London, was settled out of court.

Mr Sharp claimed that his school had failed to take the steps that one would reasonably expect to stop and prevent the constant bullying he suffered for three years. The student claimed that this caused his schooling to suffer and precluded him from obtaining a well-paid job. The case did *not reach trial*, but the London Borough of Richmond's *insurers paid him* £30,000. Mr Sharp was represented by the aptly named Teacher Stern Selby. The same firm has made legal aid applications on behalf of two other clients who claim that their school (a different one) failed in its duty to educate them and that subsequent exam failures caused loss of earnings.

Though a bullying claim has never been proven at trial, the House of Lords has acknowledged that schools owe a duty to their pupils to take all reasonable steps to prevent them from being harmed, whether through bullying or otherwise. A duty of care with *regard to education has yet to be considered.*

Last December the Court of Appeal approved the judgment whereby a rugby referee, Michael Nolan, was found liable to pay damages to a young prop forward who suffered paralysing injuries during a match. The trial judge was anxious not to open the "floodgates" and emphasised that a prime factor in his deciding that Mr Nolan owed a duty of care to the players was their youth. He said the same duty would not necessarily be owed by referees to older, more experienced players.

It is true of all sports that the most experienced referees are *involved in top-class games,* whereas school matches will be refereed by maths, biology or geography teachers. These teachers and their schools must now wonder if they are exposing themselves to vast risks. If a pupil breaks an arm in a football match, will a school face a claim because he was unable to write his own exam scripts and his grades suffered as a result? Accidents will happen, in the playground or classroom, and teachers may become scapegoats.

The teaching profession had denounced the claim brought by Teacher Stern Selby and other lawyers with "enterprising" (they say) clients. Bullying will always be a problem, whatever measures schools *undertake. Inevitably, comparisons with America's "litigation culture" are drawn.* Some people worry that bullied students will make claims for vast sums.

Similarly, those who do not succeed at school will sue their teachers for breaching their "duty" to educate. If claims are common, then insurance excesses and premiums will eat into their budgets.

Such concerns are real and valid. However, there is a compelling counter-argument. I was recently approached by a mother whose son had suffered alarmingly at the hands of bullies. In a two-year period, he suffered ritual beatings, name-calling and had 14 *pairs of spectacles broken during attacks by his peers.* The school took no discernible action and compounded the situation when his form tutor continued the torment by humiliating the boy in class. His suffering and anxiety caused learning difficulties and compulsive, repetitive behaviour. His mother's concern was dismissed as unnecessary, over-protective fussing.

This was no inner-city "problem" school, but a fee-paying prep school of repute. The child's IQ has been measured by clinical psychologists as being in the top 4 per cent. When his mother, a university psychologist, told the school that she would be withdrawing her son, she was offered a discount of one term's fees. On her rejection of this offer, the school took action to restrict the choice of alternative schooling. The mother has suffered clinical depression and has been unable to work for months.

This is not an isolated case. Kidscape, a charity that concerns itself with bullying, hears similar stories daily.

Teachers and schools clearly owe a duty to pupils and parents to take reasonable steps to prevent suffering of this nature. Why should they not be answerable in a civil court when they fail? Corrective therapy and schooling are expensive. If families endure psychological harm, it seems reasonable that they should be compensated in tort. Parents have a contractual relationship with fee-paying schools, so why should they not claim for such breaches of contract?

When an accountant breaches a *duty*, millions of pounds can be lost to a financial institution. When a teacher fails in his/her duty, the consequences can be devastating financially, psychologically and emotionally to a child and its family.

● *The author is a solicitor and a member of Withers's Professional Negligence Group.*

Sexual revolution yet to be completed

Forty years ago this week — on September 4, 1957, to be precise — the Wolfenden Report on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution was published. The Departmental Committee had been set up *three years earlier* by Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, *at that time Home Secretary* — hardly the most liberal holder of that office. In fact a *decade later — as Lord Kilmuir* and a former Lord Chancellor — he led the opposition to Lord Arran's reform Bill in the Lords.

The early Fifties had seen an increase in the numbers prosecuted for offences of "indecency between males", culminating in the conviction and imprisonment of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Michael Pitt Rivers and Peter Wildeblood in March 1954. It was a time when police officers, often acting as "agents provocateur", enthusiastically engaged in witch hunts against homosexuals, encouraged and supported by the established Church, the political right wing — of all parties — and the tabloid press.

Nonetheless, the Montagu trials, with their accompanying prurient publicity, initiated a public discussion on the relationship between the criminal law and private morality. Debates were held in both Houses of Parliament. A report of the Church of England's Moral Welfare Committee concluded that though homosexual behaviour was sinful, it should not be treated as a crime. No doubt Maxwell-Fyfe's motives in establishing the committee were to kick the issue into political touch.

Wolfenden was almost the quintessential English public servant. A product of Wakefield Grammar School and The Queen's College, Oxford, he became a Fellow of Magdalen, headmaster of Uppingham at the age of 28, and Vice-Chancellor of Reading University. He has been described as "an ascetic, unsophisticated man, with a good mechanical brain but little imaginative flair". He must have seemed the ideal candidate to produce a "no change" recommendation. No one — least of all Wolfenden himself — would have seen him as a likely initiator of a revolution in sexual morality.

What was not publicly known at the time was that throughout this period his son Jeremy was living an openly and flamboyantly homosexual life in Oxford and London. One can hardly imagine our current press missing such an opportunity.

The Wolfenden recommendations were certainly ahead of their time, although with hindsight they could hardly be described as revolutionary. They proposed only the decriminalisation of gay sex, in private, where both parties were over the age of 21.

The committee, in discussing the age of consent, took the view that "a boy is incapable, at the age of 16, of forming a *mature judgment about actions of the kind which might have the effect of setting him apart from society*" and settled on 21 for the *simple* — if simplistic — reason *"that this is* the age at which a man is capable of entering into legal contracts, including the contract of marriage, on his own responsibility". In proposing 21 — a recommendation which it conceded was based on "an element of arbitrariness", the committee ignored its own findings that "the main sexual pattern is laid down in the early years of life" and "is usually fixed by the age of 16".

MARTIN BOWLEY, QC

Limited though the Wolfenden proposals were, it still took ten years, a change of government, and an important jurisprudential dispute between Herbert Hart and Patrick Devlin before they were enacted in the 1967 Sexual Offences Act. Even then, they were not applied to the Armed Forces or the Merchant Navy. Thereafter, 27 years of legislative silence were broken only by the 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, which reduced the age of consent to 18, created the offence of male rape, and decriminalised consensual buggery.

The most recent development in this area was the new Government's announcement in July that it no longer intended to contest the age-of-consent cases before the European Court of Human Rights. It was doing no more than bowing to the inevitable. It is widely accepted that with changes of mind and of personnel — after by-elections — an equal age of consent could have come in the last and unlamented Parliament if the necessary legislative opportunity had presented itself. Now it will come with a massive Commons majority possibly by way of an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill expected this autumn.

But the real importance of an equal age of consent is largely symbolic. What is urgently needed now is a huge overhaul of the sexual offences law. The current statutes are riddled with contradictions and inequalities. The existing consolidating Act is now more than 40 years old. Much of its language dates from 1885. Society has moved on since then.

What is needed is an important act of law *reform,* based on the concepts of sexual equality and of equality of sexuality across the board, which defends public decency, which is gender-neutral and which protects those under the age of consent. Only then will the revolution that John Wolfenden so reluctantly set in motion so long ago be complete.

● *The author is President of the Bar Lesbian and Gay Group.*

INNS AND OUTS

Editors switch horses

THE EDITORS of the legal publishing group Legalese's two flagship products, *Legal Business* magazine and *The Legal 500*, have both moved to the legal recruitment firm Quarry Dougall to help it to launch a new, as yet unspecified, legal publishing venture.

Catrin Griffiths, who edited *Legal Business*, and Mark Brandon, who was responsible for the recently published *Legal 500*, are to spearhead what Quarry Dougall describes as a "strategic diversification" into publishing.

Gareth Quarry, Quarry Dougall's chief executive, says: "The two join Dominic Egan, the former *Legal Business* deputy editor. We are still at the early stages of development so I can't say more about the form our publications will take."

The new editor of *Legal Business* will be Martha Klein, a journalist and lawyer who practised at Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett, a Wall Street law firm.

●*A new version of the standard textbook on libel and slander is out.* Carter-Ruck on Libel and Slander, *now in its fifth edition, by Butterworths, includes the latest statutes and case rulings, along with developments on contempt since the Contempt of Court Act 1981.*

LA law?

THE legal aid firm set up in the 1970s by Henry Hodge, the current vice-chairman of the Legal Aid Board, is moving up in the world. *It has just* decamped into a new four-storey office block with air conditioning and the latest IT facilities. Some struggling legal aid lawyers will cite the move as evidence that a two-tier system of franchised haves and unfranchised have-nots is starting to emerge.

Silk purse

MORE poaching of top lawyers by the the banks. Barclays Private Bank has recruited Stephen Silman from chambers at 3 Temple Gardens as a private banker, to advise individuals with "substantial personal assets".

Rent asunder

JAMES CHAPMAN & Co, one of Manchester's big insurance law firms, is moving to the city centre at a rent "rising to" £13 a sq ft. John McKenna, senior partner, said it was a prime location, but the rent was also a competitive advantage. "We aim to be the market leader," he adds, "and we don't think that the London firms, or the 'national' law firms which are paying far *higher rents regionally, have an advantage like this.*"

● *Last Friday, Eversheds, the national law firm, hosted the first seminar on Islamic real estate finance, organised by the Association of Muslim Lawyers, to discuss the challenges of setting up financial services compatible with both British and Islamic law.*

Golden silence

CONFIDENTIALITY clauses are becoming key bargaining chips in personal injury settlements, according to Richard Meeran and Martyn Day, personal injury specialists at Leigh Day & Co. Writing in the newsletter of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, they note a growing tendency for UK companies to try to use confidentiality clauses to avoid publicity surrounding claims.

"The flip side of the coin," they say, "is that an offer of confidentiality by a plaintiff is undoubtedly a useful bargaining weapon which can be used to increase compensation. An opportunistic plaintiff might even offer … to assist the defendant in obtaining favourable publicity in return for a further increase in damages."

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The ride approach

Horses and riders: a reorganised association

EQUINE lawyers are up and running. The Equine Lawyers' Association (ELA) has merged with *Horse Law* — the equine law and litigation reports edited by Dr Barry Peachy. The journal of the new ELA will be *Horse Law*. The association, to be chaired by Dr Peachy, has already launched an inquiry line, on 01652 654284.

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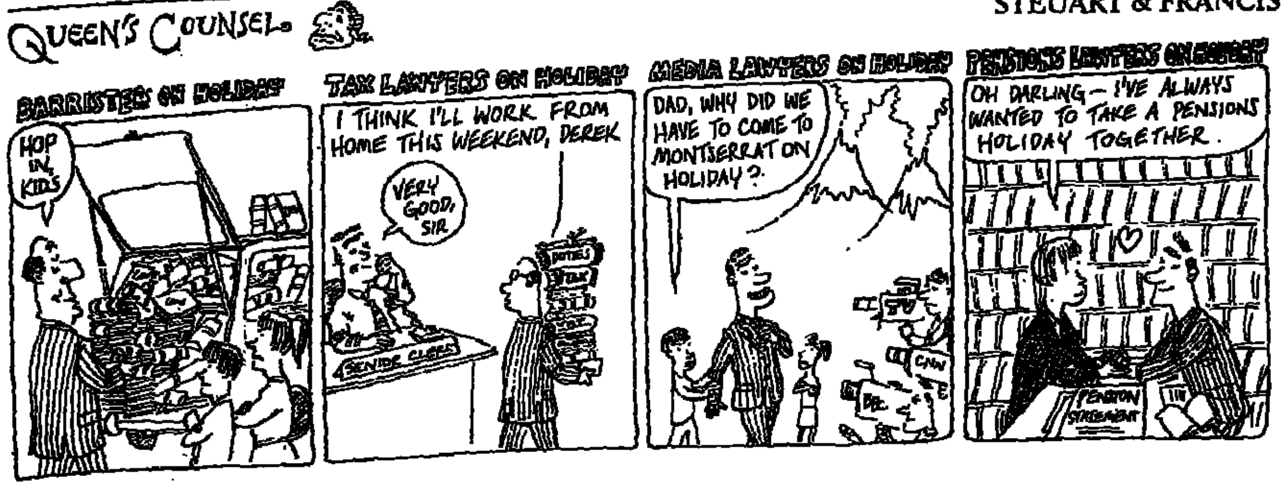

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The new issue of our directory is out this week. It includes two new tables: one showing client rankings of corporate finance firms, the other showing the leading 'general business' lawyers.

The corporate finance survey put Freshfields in the lead, with Slaughter and May second, Linklaters third, Clifford Chance fourth, and Allen & Overy fifth. When asked to rank firms they had used, clients came up with a different order: Clifford Chance, Slaughter and May, Freshfields, Allen & Overy, and Linklaters.

Very different was the 'best business lawyer' survey. Here, FTSE 500 firms were asked which lawyers they would recommend for their ability to provide imaginative and original solutions to business problems, regardless of legal specialism. They needed to be lawyers with broad legal knowledge and good business acumen.

It is sometimes said that such lawyers are a dying breed. Specialists have driven them out of all but the smaller commercial firms. But clients seem to have found no difficulty in naming lawyers who fitted the bill. Of the dozens of lawyers recommended, eight stood out: Nigel Boardman (Slaughter and May), Richard Bond (Herbert Smith), Myles Cave-Browne-Cave (Denton Hall), Dan Mace (Lovell White Durrant), Barry O'Brien (Freshfields), Mishael Pescod (Slaughter and May), Anthony Salz (Freshfields), and Mark Saunders (Nabarro Nathanson).

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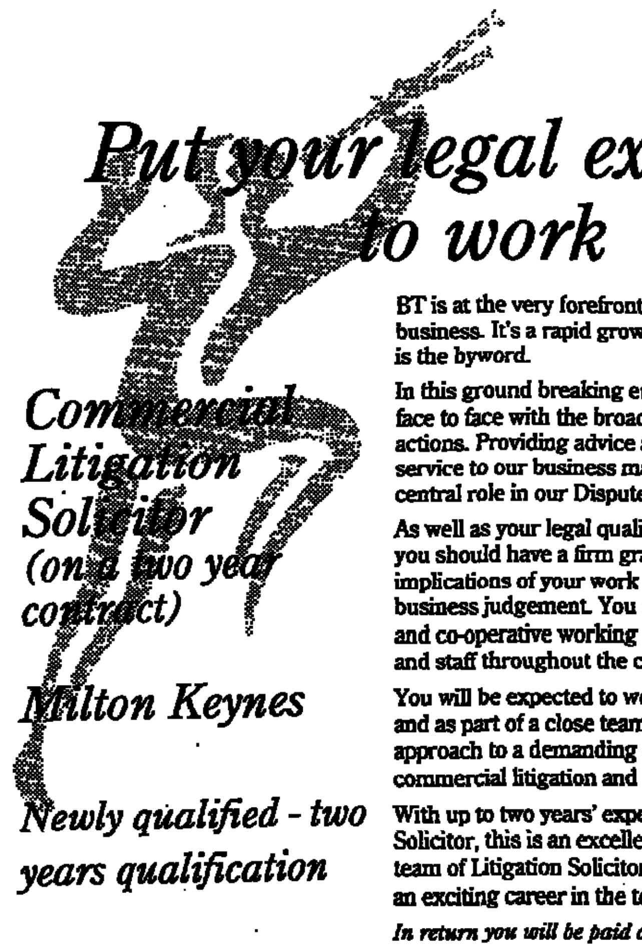

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The City picks the best

Frances Gibb on who the corporate professionals would choose to represent them

City stars: (clockwise) Dan Mace, top left, Michael Pescod, Anthony Salz and Richard Bond

Competition is cut-throat among City lawyers: slagging each other off is part of the game. But which of their peers do they secretly admire? Today Chambers & Partners, the legal publisher, releases the answer in its survey to find the Best Business Lawyer of 1997. The survey, one of several editorial sections in Chambers's new *Guide to the Legal Profession*, is based on 250 recommendations by in-house lawyers and company secretaries of whom they would choose as a top lawyer, with broad legal knowledge and good business acumen, who could "make things happen on a wide range of transactions".

Eight lawyers emerged in the top category. In alphabetical order, Nigel Boardman, of Slaughter and May, was described as "undoubtedly one of the leading lawyers in the City/- brilliant all-round strengths" and was also commended for "excellent commercial awareness". Richard Bond (Herbert Smith) was picked as a "heavyweight negotiator, very commercial and with a commonsense approach". Myles Cave-Browne-Cave (Denton Hall) was praised for "excellent drafting skills" and for being a "tough negotiator". Dan Mace of Lovell White Durrant was "down to earth and approachable . . . very low key but tenacious and hard-working" and Barry O'Brien (Freshfields) was "an excellent lawyer in the corporate sector . . . able, commercial and forceful". One commentator described Michael Pescod (Slaughter and May) as a "class act", while another said he was "very professional, common sense and fun". Anthony Salz (Freshfields) was rated as "a good all-round commercial lawyer" and Mark Saunders (Nabarro Nathanson) as "providing first class advice . . . with a practical slant . . . highly recommended".

Another 17 lawyers are named in the second category. The survey also produces a league table of the firms with the most lawyers nominated for their business skills. Unsurprisingly, the biggest firms — Linklaters, Herbert Smith, Cameron McKenna, Clifford Chance, Freshfields, Lovell White Durrant — top the list, although the guide notes that Herbert Smith "did extremely well coming second" and Cameron McKenna achieved "remarkable success" in its placing. Among national firms, Eversheds did well, with seven lawyers nominated. But of the 34 firms in the table, all but six are in London.

Some smaller firms also succeeded in entering the league table: Masons, Memery Crystal, Bristows Cooke & Carpmael, Frere Cholmeley Bischoff, Osborne Clarke, Russells and Stephens Innocent.

A second survey — likely to be scoured equally avidly — is on the top ten corporate finance/- company firms, again based on the opinions of the "clients" of such lawyers, the in-house company legal departments and secretaries. Clifford Chance, Slaughters and Freshfields top the list, with Freshfields the firm whose individuals most regularly received high praise. Middle-sized firms such as Macfarlanes, Travers Smith Braithwaite and Wilde Sapte were also considered first-class firms, able to hold their own.

The directory, the most exhaustive consumer guide to the most highly rated lawyers throughout England and Wales, by both region and specialism, contains a wealth of other material, including a commentary on the top firms by region, and, in London, by size. Chambers, whose research is audited by the British Market Research Bureau, says inclusion in its guide is strictly on merit; firms and individuals cannot "buy" their way in. The specialist lists — 60 areas, from church law and charities to sports and shipping — profile the leading lawyers in the field. There is also a large section on the Bar, by region and subject, and an A-Z directory of every set of chambers.

● A Guide to the Legal Profession 1997/98, *Chambers & Partners Publishing (01403 710971); £40*

David Salter comes to the defence of legal aid family law practices

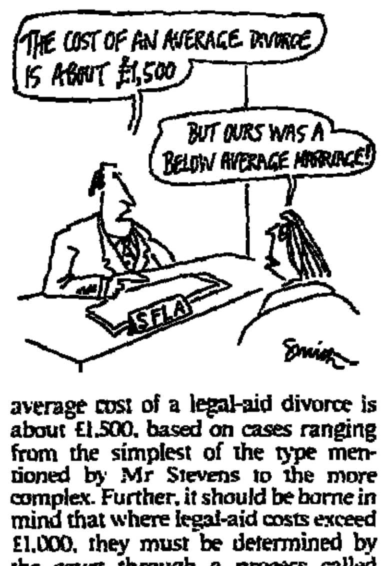
Divorced from reality

PATRICK STEVENS'S "Pity the legal aid lawyer" (Law, August 19) would seem an amusing parody *à la* Matthew Parris were it not that some of the general public might treat it seriously. Let me comment from the objective stance of a family lawyer who now does no legal aid work. My early professional career did involve an extensive legal aid family practice.

First, it must be acknowledged that, as with any system involving public funds, the legal aid system can be and is abused, but not in the habitually systematic fashion Mr Stevens suggests. That said, the reality is that there are thousands of dedicated, hard-working solicitors operating in inner cities, suburban high streets and local communities up and down the country. They are working long hours for low pay, to the extent that they simply do not have the time to indulge in the tactics Mr Stevens describes. Indeed, their dedication makes his comments repugnant.

Most solicitors who practise mainly in the field of family law belong to the Solicitors Family Law Association (SFLA), which now has 4,000 members nationwide. The association adopts a code of practice, endorsed by the courts, which promotes a conciliatory and constructive approach to family disputes. It is not insignificant that 86 per cent of financial disputes involving SFLA members are resolved without a contested court hearing.

Statistics from the Lord Chancellor's Department show that the average cost of a legal-aid divorce is about £1,500, based on cases ranging from the simplest of the type mentioned by Mr Stevens to the more complex. Further, it should be borne in mind that where legal-aid costs exceed £1,000, they must be determined by the court through a process called taxation. District judges, who carry out this function, are alert to tactics of the type described by Mr Stevens and will reduce the costs where appropriate.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Let me paint another sketch. A distraught wife comes to see an SFLA solicitor whose office is on the edge of the council estate where she lives. She brings her two young children along because there is nowhere she can leave them. The previous night her husband returned home drunk, punched her in the face, badly bruising her, and wrecked their home. The police were called but were reluctant to interfere, beyond calming the situation down. The husband said that he was leaving — for good.

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So come on, Mr Stevens, get real. And just wait until Matthew Parris goes on holiday. You would make a brilliant deputy.

● *The author is Chairman of the SFLA.*

Ready for the next Barings

Nick Gillies talks to George Staple, QC, about his new role as private fraudbuster

George Staple, QC, the former head of the Serious Fraud Office, is leading an anti-fraud unit set up by Clifford Chance. The unit aims to co-ordinate investigations for financial institutions and regulators, handling not only straightforward thefts, but also crises such as those involving Barings and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Staple, a solicitor made silk *honoris causa* this year, says that what these crises have in common is a "need for a body of fact to be established very quickly, and dealing with regulatory bodies cross-border. Every body needs the same information at once. We have offices in the main commercial centres around the world with people trained in commercial law and in countering commercial crime."

The one thing the team will not do is represent the alleged fraudsters. Mr Staple says: "I'm not a gamekeeper turned poacher." More to the point, he adds, the general experience of the big commercial law firms is in advising financial institutions that are the victims of fraud, rather than in criminal defence work.

He recognises that much of the immediate work that needs to be done when these crises happen is the province of accountants or trained investigators, but says: "Some of the work is very law-intensive, and we have a large number of people experienced in commercial litigation. On the non-contentious side, we have people used to the regulators, here and internationally."

The nature of Clifford Chance's practice means that it knows the regulators in all the main centres in British jurisdictions, such as the Cayman Islands. And it has acted for the US Department of Justice.

Though the electronic market means that a fraud can happen anywhere, the principal effects are likely to be felt in the three main financial markets of London, New York and Tokyo. Mr Staple makes the point that though Nick Leeson was working in the Singapore office of Barings, it was the London market that was most affected.

This might be an area in which a multidisciplinary partnership would be best, but these do not exist at the moment, he says. The primary need is for a team of people who have pre-arranged systems and communications. "When this happens," he adds, "people are stunned. It is at that moment that they need an experienced group to call on."

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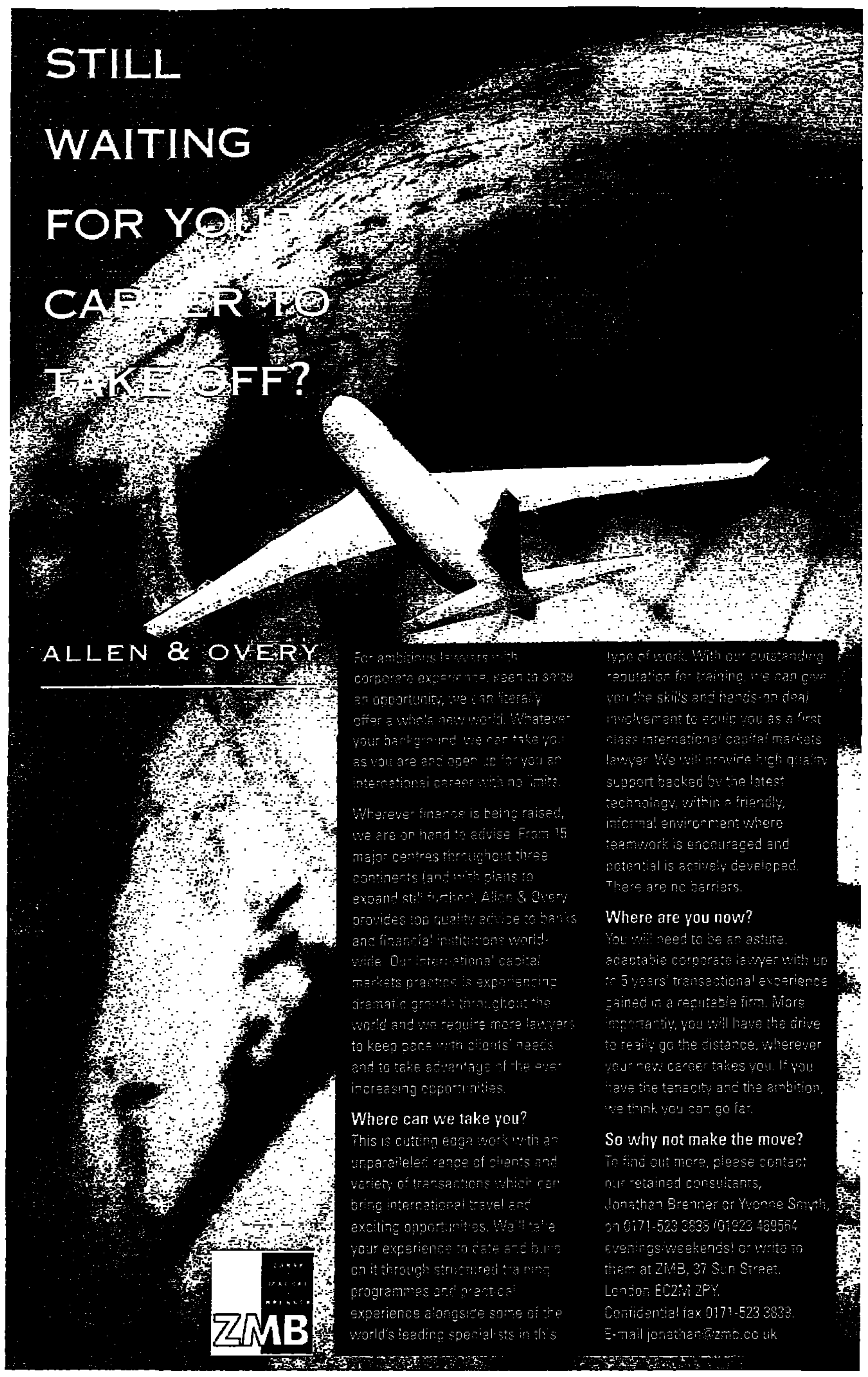

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EDUCATION

Are you ready for student life?

Fred Redwood says students often leave home unable to boil an egg or operate a washing machine

Finding suitable accommodation is just one of the "life skills" that students learn fairly quickly when they go to university

Although more young people than ever now gain admission to university, there is growing evidence that many of them are unprepared for life away from home. University counsellors report dealing with students wanting to give up their courses within the first few weeks of their arrival because of homesickness. Others have no idea of how to plan a work schedule and they fall behind almost immediately. Georgina Newson, who runs the student advice centre at the University of Reading, is amazed to find so many students lacking basic life skills.

"Because university is such a predictable rite of passage nowadays, students don't mentally prepare themselves for life away from home — they just assume everything will be arranged for them," she says. "I meet students who haven't the first idea about things like cooking or organising their own laundry.

"But it's the ones who can't adjust emotionally who have the worst problems. The first few weeks of term are hectic and provide lots of opportunities to make new friends. But some students simply can't cope with new social situations. They can't bring themselves to join a university society or simply make an appearance at the union bar."

For these less gregarious young people Ms Newson runs courses on assertiveness training. But she thinks the best way of pre-empting the problems of students who "can't cope" would be to set up advice sessions in the schools.

"Welfare officers and students themselves must go into the sixth forms and describe the difficulties which can arise when you leave home for the first time," she says. "If these young people were better prepared I wouldn't have a queue of new students desperate for help after the first few weeks of term."

Lesley Parker, a counsellor at Cambridge University, is concerned that schoolteachers should take into account the unique nature of the learning environment at Oxbridge colleges.

"It is unwise simply to advise a young person to apply to Oxbridge without considering whether that person will be able to adapt to the highly pressurised atmosphere here," she says. "I meet students who are bereft because a tutor has criticised an essay. They are all very talented and at school they may have never encountered any criticism. Here, of course, they have to compare themselves with others of equal ability — and that can hurt.

"Some expect so much of themselves that they are distraught when they suspect that they won't be getting a first. They quite simply perceive anything less than a first as an abject failure.

"Also, socially, Cambridge is very much a goldfish bowl existence. Living in hall is a communal experience, which suits more outgoing personalities. Generally, students from public schools find the transition easier. This isn't to say that students from the state system are unable to adapt to Cambridge but some — the shy and retiring types — can find living in hall difficult."

Ms Parker blames teachers for giving bad advice to sixthformers. "They often simply match the best students to the most prestigious universities, without taking into account the unique demands of each institution. Also, many teachers don't appreciate that university life has changed since their days as students — it is far more demanding. Teachers should give more thought to whether pupils will be able to cope emotionally in the universities they recommend."

A tough inner-city environment also poses problems, particularly for students who have been brought up in the countryside. Davina McManus, student counsellor at Glasgow University, finds a number of students who cannot get used to living in a city.

"Glasgow has a good academic reputation and sometimes students opt for courses without giving enough thought to whether they will be able to adapt to city life. To guard against this many of our courses now produce videos which give a balanced picture of what students can expect to experience if they come here to study.

"Of course, with universities trying to maximise student numbers, other institutions won't be following our lead. Heavy marketing means, unfortunately, that students are going to be attracted to universities that are unsuitable.

"I think that the schools should accept more responsibility for advising sixthformers. They could make use of modern innovations such as personality indicator questionnaires so that the prospective students can make objective self-assessments of their own personalities. Then they should give very careful thought to whether they will be able to cope in the university towns and cities they choose."

Samuel Long on the US's failings

The American way of learning

DOUBTS about the standards of some British universities may trouble students still trying to find a degree course through clearing. But in my experience, they are as nothing compared with the shortcomings of the American system.

First, the teaching can be downright bad. In one incident, a professor sent his assistant to play tapes of his lecture to students, who responded by leaving their own tape recorders in the lecture hall while they went out for coffee.

Another professor suffered a stroke while giving his lecture, repeating meaningless phrases until the class ended. His students left him mumbling behind the podium, thinking he was being his usual self.

A student mistakenly submitted a paper with only a title page followed by thirty pages of blank sheets. She received a B+ with the comment: "Good work!"

One social science department where I taught asked students to call professors by their first names because it was supposed to raise students' evaluations of teaching quality.

Most professors pretend to teach, most students pretend to learn. Neither group spends too much time or effort playing this game. Students do not play a central role in most lecturers' lives. Professors rarely think about, or mention, students. When they do, they express contempt for their intellectual skill, their motivation, and their background.

Most academics teach the same courses, sometimes with different titles, over and over again, often using the notes they took in graduate school.

Most students attend class unprepared, not having bothered to complete the reading assignment. Courses are "dumbed" down and grades inflated. A student's performance is often only evaluated with a poorly structured final examination.

Reading ability among university students is dismal. Textbooks written for the mid-high school level — aimed at 16-year-olds — are too difficult for many undergraduates to comprehend. College graduates read, on average, one book a year.

Undergraduates' writing skills are equally poor and are often at the level of primary schoolchildren. It is not uncommon to discover 20 per cent of words in a term paper misspelt. Grammar is virgin territory. Many students do not know what a sentence is and understanding of correct punctuation is comparable to comprehension of differential equations. Logical, well-developed arguments are a rarity. Clear thinking is disparaged and ignored.

Also discouraged is critical thought. Conformity to conventional thinking and lack of depth are the norm in university classrooms.

Little spirit of intellectual enquiry is exhibited by students or the faculty. Very few academics publish books and articles, and few are engaged in research or supported by research grants. Innovation is discouraged. The "old way" is less disruptive, less threatening. Young academics quickly learn not to rock the boat. They attend committees, write reports, restructure their ineffective curriculums, don't ask embarrassing questions, or participate in controversial research.

Academics hang on to their jobs and get promoted by being congenial and keeping their noses clean. Being a good teacher does not count for much.

American universities think they educate students, build character, fortify "humanistic-democratic values" and enhance general knowledge. But only top-notch universities such as Yale, Harvard, the University of Californiaat Berkeley, Michigan and Stamford pass the Dearing test. The remaining 90 per cent of students go to what can best be described as diploma mills.

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RACING: GODOLPHIN-OWNED ENTRY ON COURSE FOR AUSTRALIA

Classic Cliche set to head Melbourne Cup weights

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Classic Cliche is likely to carry top weight in the Melbourne Cup in November

BRITISH-TRAINED entries dominate the weights for the Melbourne Cup, which were published yesterday — and three horses look set to make the round-the-world journey for Australia's most famous race.

Swain, who beat Pilsudski, Helissio and Singspiel in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, is top weight with 63 kilos (9st 10lb) — the biggest burden given to a horse in the two-mile handicap since Galilee was allocated 64kg in 1968.

However, the Godolphin-trained five-year-old, who is due to run at Newbury on September 18 before going for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, is more likely to be aimed at the Japan Cup or Breeders' Cup than Australia — which will leave another Godolphin entry to head the weights.

Classic Cliche is set to carry 60kg (9st 6lb) and if all goes well when he runs in the Irish St Leger on September 21 the five-year-old will take his chance, with Frankie Dettori set to ride. Shantou, third in the weights with 59.5kg (9st 5lb), is unlikely to run.

A total of 19 horses from Britain and Ireland have been entered for the Aus$2,235,000 (£1,000,000) Melbourne Cup, to be run at Flemington on November 4, but the most likely runners — in addition to Classic Cliche — are Clerkenwell, last year's Ebor winner who makes his seasonal reappearance at Salisbury on Thursday, the Lady Herries-trained Harbour Dues — and possibly Double Eclipse.

Clerkenwell, a 50-1 shot with Mark Read All Sports, an Australian bookmaker based in Darwin, has been given 52.5kg (8st 4lb) in a race where the weights do not rise. That would appear to give the Michael Stoute-trained colt a decent chance of emulating Vintage Crop, who became the first northern hemisphere horse to capture the Melbourne Cup in 1993.

Stoute has had this race in mind for the Sheikh Mohammed-owned four-year-old for at least nine months. The horse's recent homework has impressed gallop watchers and if his Salisbury reappearance goes well Clerkenwell would then take in a group race before heading for Melbourne. Significantly, Michael Kinane, who rode Vintage Crop to victory, has been booked for Clerkenwell on Thursday.

Harbour Dues, who beat Clerkenwell by a neck in a Goodwood handicap last June before finishing fourth to the same horse on slightly worse terms in the Ebor, is a distinct possibility having shown his wellbeing in Copenhagen recently when beating Arabian Story. The Slip Anchor colt, who is set to carry a 53.5kg (8st 6lb), would probably be ridden by Pat Eddery.

Double Trigger, the Goodwood Cup winner, has 59kg (9st 4lb) while his brother, Double Eclipse is on 57kg (8st 13lb). Ron Huggins, the owner of both the Mark Johnston-trained stayers, said Eclipse was the more likely of the two to run but his participation depends on securing a sponsorship deal for his horses.

Although the rewards on offer in the Cup are substantial with a first prize of Aus$1,430,000, it represents a high-risk venture. Huggins estimates it cost £50,000 to take Double Trigger in 1995.

Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, believes Classic Cliche has a fair weight and, unlike last year, he has been campaigned with the Melbourne Cup in mind. "Last year the Melbourne Cup came as an afterthought after some gruelling races, notably in the King George. This year we have geared the whole campaign towards this race. Compared to 12 months ago he is doing very well and we are delighted with his progress."

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MISHRAAK
(3.00 Folkestone)
Next best: Jamaican Flight
(4.15 Pontefract)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Hamilton Park

Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.15 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Double Alleged (J Weaver, 1-6 fav); 2, Aeolina (16-1); 3, Double Star (5-1). 4 ran. 8l, 14l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.03

2.45 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Craigary (G Duffield, 6-1); 2, Havana Heights (25-1); 3, Sushi Bar (11-2); 4, Sweet Note (100-1). Erlking 5-1 fav. 18 ran. 1¾l, ½l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £7.30; £1.90, £4.60, £2.00, £24.90 DF: £163.00 Trio: £265.10. CSF: £147.34 Tricast: £816.22. No bid for the winner.

3.15 (1m 65yd) 1, Generosity (T Quinn, 4-6 fav); 2, Gift of Gold (20-1); 3, Shaamit Romance (5-2). 7 ran. Nk, 5l. P Cole. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £6.90. DF: £9.20. CSF £17.06

3.45 (1m 65yd) 1, Antarctic Storm (F Norton, 8-1); 2, Polar Prospect (8-1); 3, Sparky (10-1). Gymcrak Premiere 9-2 fav. 15 ran. 1¼l, hd. R Fahey. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £3.50, £2.60. DF: £54.80. Trio: £232.90. CSF: £49.97. Tricast: £457.97.

4.15 (5f 4yd) 1, Suedoro (A Polli, 20-1); 2, Bowlers Boy (14-1); 3, William's Well (6-1). 4, Hajat (25-1). Natural Key 3-1 fav. 18 ran. Shd, 1½l. J Goldie. Tote: £15.70; £2.30, £3.60, £2.10, £13.30. DF: £97.90. Trio: £606.70. CSF: £253.43. Tricast: £1,802.68. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.45 (6f 5yd) 1, March Crusader (K Fallon, 7-2; Thunderer's nap, Timekeeper's top rating and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Meladerie (13-2). 3, Always Alight (11-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Tazibari. ¾l, 1½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £5.60; £2.30, £2.10. DF: £7.70. CSF: £24.58. Tricast: £64.75.

Jackpot: £13,078.30. Quadpot: £97.80.
Placepot: £178.10.

Hexham

Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Leap In The Dark (A Thornton, 13-2); 2, Tullow Lady (7-4 fav). 3, My Missile (15-2). 10 ran. NR: Hopeful Lord. 7l, 1¾l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £8.40; £2.30, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £6.30. Trio: £17.10. CSF: £17.47. Tricast: £83.68

2.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Reve De Valse (K Johnson, 3-1); 2, Salem Beach (10-1); 3, Speaker's House (3-1). Fenwick's Brother 5-6 fav (fell). 6 ran. 11l, 20l. R Johnson. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £7.90. CSF: £27.80. No bid for the winner

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Dissington Times (A Dobbin, 14-1); 2, Le Grand Gousier (10-11 fav); 3, Broadgate Flyer (8-1). 8 ran. 3l, 4l. W McKeown. Tote: £21.60; £2.50, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £15.80. CSF: £29.29.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Tighter Budget (A Dobbin, 6-1); 2, Rebel King (11-2); 3, Mrs Wise Advice (6-4 fav). 6 ran. 23l, 5l. Mrs Dianne Sayer. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £8.10. CSF: £36.48. Tricast: £58.02.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, Irie Mon (M A Fitzgerald, 15-8 fav); 2, Hobbs Choice (14-1); 3, Highland Way (8-1). 9 ran. 4l, 5l. M Bielby. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £2.60, £2.80. DF: £16.10. Trio: £111.50. CSF: £27.43. Tricast: £187.78

4.30 (2m flat) 1, Westfield Mist (Derek Byrne, 4-1); 2, Estate Agent (9-4 fav); 3, Bedrock (4-1). 9 ran. 1l, hd. J Hetherton. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £6.30. Trio: £17.10. CSF: £13.44

Placepot: £24.80.

Quadpot: £3.00.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: [illegible] Croise. 3.30 Ringleader. P[illegible] 2.45 Lady Yavanna. 5.15 Gymcrak Flyer, Ocean Stream

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PERTEMPS ST LEGER
Doncaster: September 13

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Silver Patriarch	11-4	5-2	5-2	5-2
Stowaway	11-4	5-2	5-2	11-4
Vertical Speed	4-1	11-2	3-1	9-2
Dr Johnson	11-2	12-1	5-1	7-1
Besiege	10-1	12-1	14-1	14-1
Crown Of Light	10-1	10-1	14-1	14-1
Panama City	12-1	12-1	12-1	14-1
Windsor Castle	12-1	12-1	14-1	16-1
The Fly	12-1	20-1	20-1	14-1
King Sound	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Poseidon	25-1	20-1	25-1	25-1
Haltarra	33-1	25-1	33-1	33-1

The final classic of the season, the St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday week, promises to be a fascinating contest. While Stowaway and Silver Patriarch dominate the betting after finishing first and second in last month's Great Voltigeur at York, Charles O'Brien sends Dr Johnson from Ireland, and Andre Fabre intends to supplement Vertical Speed, unbeaten in three races in France.

Stowaway got the better of Silver Patriarch at York, but there is a good chance that the form may be reversed over an extra two furlongs on Town Moor. However, while both merit respect, they are easily passed over at a best-priced 11-4.

Connections will have to pay £18,000 to supplement Vertical Speed, but Fabre explained: "We had planned to run him in the Grand Prix de Deauville, but the ground was too soft. It may be a weak field for the St Leger." Olivier Peslier will ride, but while the colt is open to improvement, the form of his latest defeat of Book At Bedtime at Maisons-Laffitte leaves him plenty to find.

Dr Johnson, runner-up to Desert King in the Irish Derby, has since proved his effectiveness over the St Leger trip by winning a listed race at the Curragh. If taking his chance, he will have strong claims, but a decision will be delayed until later this week.

At the prices on offer, The Fly makes more appeal. He had little luck in running when fifth in the Derby and set too fast a pace (along with Silver Patriarch) when well beaten in the Irish equivalent. He shapes as though the longer trip will suit and remains unexposed. At 20-1 with Ladbrokes, THE FLY is worth an each-way investment.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
2.30 Simlet. 3.00 THANKSGIVING (nap). 3.30 Statua. 4.00 Up At The Top. 4.30 Red Raja. 5.00 Ocean Park. 5.30 Kentucky Fall.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.30 THANKSGIVING.

GOING: GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 DAVID CAMERON MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,486: 6f 189yd) (16 runners)

101	(4)	054	FROLICKING 20 J Dunlop 9-7	J Reid	65
102	(3)	303	MOOTHYEB 26 N Graham 9-7	R Hills	64
103	(1)	650	NAKED OAT 52 B Smart 9-5	J Stack	60
104	(10)	4308	DELCIANA 17 P Harris 9-0	J Quinn	73
105	(12)	4641	MRS MIDDLE 8 (S) N Callaghan 9-0 (6ex)	R Ffrench (3)	64
106	(14)	660	SIMLET 40 W Jarvis 8-12	W Ryan	65
107	(9)	6000	SERGEANT IMP 20 P Mitchell 8-11	A Clark	44
108	(6)	0400	RED MAPLE 31 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	41
109	(11)	050	CHIEF BLADE 16 R Akehurst 8-11	S Sanders	49
110	(8)	5405	SMART BEAU 15 R Charlton 8-11	W J O'Connor	49
111	(2)	4410	LOBUCHE 17 R Hannon 8-10	Dane O'Neill	66
112	(7)	0124	SASSY 15 (F) A Jarvis 8-10	S Drowne	64
113	(15)	0540	FLYING SINGER 21 I Balding 8-8	Martin Dwyer (3)	57
114	(13)	2320	PERSIAN FORTUNE 25 W G M Turner 8-5	D Sweeney (3)	55
115	(16)	0400	DESERT NATIVE 21 C Wall 8-4	G Duffield	54
116	(5)	0000	ARGUMENTATIVE 8 S Dow 8-4	D O'Donohoe (3)	40

9-2 Mrs Middle, 5-1 Moothyeb, 13-2 Frolicking, 8-1 Delciana, Sassy, 9-1 others.

3.00 EPEE STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,578: 5f) (7)

201	(7)	4854	DERNIER CROISE 13 (B) B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt	49
202	(1)	0311	ELEVENTH DUKE 8 (D,G,S) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	88
203	(4)	1461	MISHRAAK 18 (CD,F,G) R Armstrong 8-11	R Hills	80
204	(5)	2105	CONTRARY MARY 17 (D,F) G Lewis 8-9	A Whelan (3)	82
205	(2)	66	BABANINA 42 (BF) C Brittain 8-6	W Ryan	70
206	(6)	02	MADAME CLAUDE 28 J Toller 8-6	S Sanders	68
207	(3)	33	THANKSGIVING 18 D Chappell 8-6	J Reid	94

3-1 Eleventh Duke, 7-2 Contrary Mary, Thanksgiving, Madame Claude, 13-2 others.

3.30 E B F BROADSWORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,389: 6f) (13)

301	(5)	4	CALL TO ORDER 43 C Wall 9-0	S Sanders	65
302	(13)		CRITICAL AIR M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	—
			GONE TO PRESS J W Payne 9-0	M Fenton	—
303	(4)	3	HAKEEM 31 R Armstrong 9-0	R Price	70
304	(11)	00	I CRIED FOR YOU 43 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	—
305	(9)	5030	RINGLEADER 17 (B) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	65
306	(7)	2583	SIGNATORY 8 R Hannon 9-0	W J O'Connor	70
307	(3)	02	AMBITIOUS 24 (BF) J Fanshawe 8-9	J Reid	78
308	(10)	0	EMMAJOUN 18 A Jarvis 8-9	S Drowne	68
309	(8)	6	MIDNIGHT STING 29 M Jarvis 8-9	W Ryan	55
310	(1)	506	PERSIAN SABRE 15 V Soane 8-9	C Rutter	66
311	(2)	525	STATUA 12 P Makin 8-9	R Cochrane	107
312	(12)	00	ZAMARRA 12 D Chappell 8-9	G Carter	—

11-8 Statua, 100-30 Ambitious, 7-2 Hakeem, 11-2 Critical Air, 10-1 others.

4.00 E B F BROADSWORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,389: 6f) (13)

401	(2)		CARVER DOONE D Chappell 9-0	G Carter	—
402	(8)	0	COUNSEL 122 C Brittain 9-0	W Ryan	—
403	(11)	0	PLASTERED IN PARIS 13 B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	—
404	(10)	00	RECOGNITION 12 W Jarvis 9-0	J Reid	65
405	(3)	00	SAFARI SAM 5 M Tompkins 9-0	D Biggs	—
406	(6)	02	SILVERSMITH 18 S Dow 9-0	S Sanders	80
407	(7)	00	THECOMEBACKKING 13 S C Williams 9-0	M Wigham	—
408	(4)	5	ANGELINA 24 P Howling 8-9	Paul Eddery	71
409	(1)	30	FAWNING 40 M Blanshard 8-9	J Quinn	—
410	(13)	0	MISMEWMEW 11 C Benstead 8-9	R Cochrane	—
411	(9)	55	MOUNTAIN MAGIC 30 D ffrench Davis 8-9	T Quinn	56
412	(5)	00	SABRE GIRL 22 R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill	—
413	(12)	3	UP AT THE TOP 52 B Hills 8-9	M Hills	70+

5-2 Up At The Top, 4-1 Silversmith, 7-1 Plastered In Paris, 8-1 Counsel, Fawning, 10-1 Angelina, 12-1 Recognition, 14-1 others.

4.30 CLAYMORE HANDICAP (£2,277: 2m) (16)

501	(1)	5000	UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 34 (D,G) C Brittain 7-10-0	W Ryan	68
502	(7)	1-00	SILVRETTA 13 (G) R Spicer 4-9-12	Dane O'Neill	—
503	(5)	60-0	RED RAJA 131J P Mitchell 4-9-9	A Clark	—
504	(3)	0532	ACTION JACKSON 12 (F,G) B McMahon 5-9-5	T Quinn	67
505	(8)	0045	SUN ALERT 8 (F) M Polglase 3-9-4	G Carter	67
506	(9)	0405	COH SHO NO 7 (C,F) S Dow 4-9-2	S Sanders	76
507	(13)	0402	ROSE OF GLENN 16 (F,G) B Palling 6-9-2	P Roberts (5)	61
508	(16)	0134	ATNAB 19 (F) P Walwyn 3-8-13	R Hills	66
509	(10)	4045	SALSEE LAD 19 J Fanshawe 3-8-13	J Reid	66
510	(14)	550	GALLANT HEIGHTS 24 G Bravery 3-8-11	M Rimmer	45
511	(2)	-034	ARABOYBILL 8 (B,C,F,G) J Neville 6-8-11	S Drowne	49
512	(12)	0602	STRAT'S LEGACY 12 (F) D Arbuthnot 10-8-6	N Adams	60
513	(6)	4204	CHIEF PREDATOR 22 K George 3-8-4	Martin Dwyer (3)	61
514	(4)	0000	SASSY STREET 39 R Johnson Houghton 4-8-1	A Daly (5)	50
515	(15)	3400	DUNCOMBE HALL 54 C Cyzer 4-8-1	A Whelan (3)	57
516	(11)	-231	LA MENORQUINA 143 (D) D Marks 7-7-12	R Mullen (5)	80

4-1 Rose Of Glenn, 6-1 Action Jackson, 8-1 Atnab, La Menorquina, 10-1 Coh Sho No, Strat's Legacy, Duncombe Hall, 12-1 others.

5.00 FOIL SELLING STAKES (£1,985: 1m 4f) (11)

601	(8)	05d1	HAROLDON 8 (D,F,G) B Palling 8-9-10	P Roberts (5)	72
602	(11)	6004	ANOTHER FIDDLE 8J (F) J Long 7-9-5	R Brisland (7)	40
603	(2)	0024	LIATHACH 19 J Fanshawe 5-9-5	M Hills	56
604	(3)	4442	OCEAN PARK 22 (CD,F) Lady Herries 6-9-5	G Milligan (5)	74
605	(6)	0/05	PERFECT BERTIE 39 N Babbage 5-9-5	R Ffrench (3)	44
606	(9)		ROCKY'S PROFILES Miss K George 4-9-5	N Adams	—
607	(4)	4362	STATAJACK 8 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 9-9-5	T Quinn	72
608	(5)	2100	SODA POP 17 (D,F) G L Moore 3-9-1	J Reid	71
609	(7)	0002	BOBBY'S DREAM 16 M Tompkins 5-9-0	D Biggs	50
610	(10)	6060	BE TRUE 17 G L Moore 3-8-10	Candy Morris	34
611	(1)	6	KEY TO 13 A Jarvis 3-8-5	S Drowne	—

5-2 Ocean Park, 3-1 Statajack, 7-2 Haroldon, 8-1 Soda Pop, 12-1 Bobby's Dream, 16-1 Another Fiddle, Perfect Bertie, Be True, 20-1 others.

5.30 SABRE HANDICAP (£4,028: 6f 189yd) (16)

1	(10)	5213	ALRIHLAS 11 (F) W Hern 3-9-10	R Hills	82
2	(9)	3000	MUHANDIS 130 (D,F) G L Moore 4-9-9	Candy Morris	68
3	(14)	2541	KENTUCKY FALL 12 (F) Lady Herries 4-9-7	J Reid	85
4	(2)	4142	KINGS HARMONY 11 (D,F) P Makin 4-9-7	S Sanders	77
5	(12)	0020	VICTORY TEAM 41 (CD,F) G Balding 5-9-7	S Drowne	71
6	(15)	5510	BANZHAF 22 (D,F) G L Moore 4-9-2	A Clark	73
7	(4)	3000	ERTLON 12 (D,F,G) C Brittain 7-9-1	M Rimmer	70
8	(11)	60-0	BRISKA 52 (D,F) R Akehurst 3-9-0	T Quinn	60
9	(8)	5000	MASTERPIECE 34 R Hannon 3-8-12	Dane O'Neill	50
10	(7)	1326	TWIN CREEKS 55 (D,F) V Soane 6-8-12	C Rutter	76
11	(13)	3450	HUSUN 36 P Walwyn 3-8-12	R Cochrane	57
12	(16)	0420	MUSCATANA 61 (D,G) B Hills 3-8-9	M Hills	58
13	(6)	2102	MR CUBE 23 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 7-8-5	G Duffield	69
14	(5)	1300	CARLTON 80 (D,S) G Lewis 3-8-4	Paul Eddery	65
15	(1)	000	ONEKNIGHT WITH YOU 84 M Godley 3-8-4	R Ffrench (3)	—
16	(3)	0205	SCATHEBURY 28 (D,F,S) K Burke 4-8-4	G Carter	55

9-2 Kentucky Fall, 6-1 Alrihlas, 7-1 Briska, 8-1 Kings Harmony, Mr Cube, 9-1 Ertlon, 10-1 Twin Creeks, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 16 winners from 44 runners, 36.4%. Lady Herries, 8 from 29, 27.6%. S Williams, 9 from 33, 27.3%. W Jarvis, 6 from 23, 26.1%. N Callaghan, 8 from 31, 25.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%. M Rimmer, 7 from 34, 20.6%. Paul Eddery, 19 from 104, 18.3%. Dane O'Neill, 15 from 84, 17.9%. G Duffield, 19 from 113, 16.8%.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER
2.15 Highfield Fizz
2.45 Eleonora D'Arborea
3.15 Mr Fortywinks
3.45 Dazilyn Lady
4.15 Old Rouvel
4.45 Plum First
5.15 Wellcome Inn

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs B Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES ROUND 4 LIMITED STAKES (£2,379: 1m 4f 8yd) (10 runners)

1	(4)	00-3004	COURSE FISHING 29 (D,F) (G Bull) B McMahon 6-9-3	S Righton	59
2	(3)	20000-4	NON VINTAGE 81J (G,G,S) (A Munn) M Chapman 6-9-3	S Carson	69
3	(8)	30-0334	AFON ALWEN 36 (F) (J Lloyd) S C Williams 4-9-0	D Williams (3)	71
4	(9)	140-055	EXACTLY 39 (D,F,G) (F Thornton) J Eyre 4-9-0	S Buckley (3)	67
5	(6)	3425253	HIGHFIELD FIZZ 11 (F,S) (Mrs P Taylor-Garthwaite) C Fairhurst 5-9-0	T Siddall	62
6	(2)	006221	TARXIEN 18 (D,G) (C Whyte) K Burke 3-8-10	R Winston	85
7	(10)	0-00200	CIMMERIAN 31J (Michael Ralph) M Scudamore 3-8-5	N Pollard (5)	71
8	(5)	606	HIDDEN AGENDA 22 (Cheveley Stud) R Charlton 3-8-5	K Parsons (7)	77
9	(7)	535-000	MAYFLOWER 94 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 3-8-5	P Clarke (3)	—
10	(1)	500	POLENISTA 29 (I Stewart-Brown) J Dunlop 3-8-5	C Lowther	79

BETTING: 7-2 Tarxien, 4-1 Polenista, 5-1 Afon Alwen, 6-1 Highfield Fizz, 8-1 Course Fishing, 10-1 others.

1996: AYUNLI 5-9-0 G Milligan (13-8 fav) S C Williams 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Afon Alwen creditable 3½l 4th to Sovereign Crest in 1½m Brighton handicap (good to firm). Highfield Fizz not stay when 4¾l 3rd to Leviticus in 2m Thirsk handicap (good). Tarxien, in form, beat Supermick 5l in 1½m Haydock apprentice handicap (good). Hidden Agenda needed further when 11l 5th to Dr Martens in 1m Windsor maiden stakes (good to firm).

HIDDEN AGENDA would be an appropriately named winner of his first handicap

2.45 TIMEFORM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,790: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(14)	205616	ELEONORA D'ARBOREA 22 (D,S) (E Landi) B Meehan 9-7	K Darley	73
2	(2)	001	WAIT'N'SEE 82 (F) (M Easterby) M W Easterby 9-6	G Parkin (3)	71
3	(5)	4443013	THE GROVELLER 3 (J Pugh) P Evans 9-5	J F Egan	54
4	(11)	41	SANTA FAYE 30 (F) (Mrs R W Hume) B Palling 9-3	T Sprake	56
5	(7)	604	LADY YAVANNA 46 (V) (W Kenzey) K McAuliffe 9-2	J Carroll	56
6	(17)	5105	FASHION VICTIM 17 (F) (R Jones) T Caldwell 9-2	A Culhane	62
7	(10)	734	RIOJA 29 (Ivy Syndicate) T Tate 9-1	T Lucas	66
8	(16)	011	TANCRED TIMES 41 (D,G) (Ebor Partnership) D Barker 8-10	T Williams	59
9	(6)	0535540	BURNT YATES 13 (I Bray) M W Easterby 8-9	J Fortune	80
10	(4)	50166	MILL END QUEST 13 (G) (W Angood) M W Easterby 8-9	Dale Gibson	73
11	(12)	06200	FIVE OF SPADES 56 (B Cassidy) R Fahey 8-6	R Winston (7)	64
12	(9)	331100	FAST FRANC 39 (BF,D,S) (J Lovell) S C Williams 8-5	D Holland	78
13	(3)	0044501	RUSSIAN ROMEO 13 (V,D,G) (R Beddings) B McMahon 6-5	S Righton (7)	75
14	(13)	550	SANTA COURT 25 (D,S) (C Holden) R Dickin 8-2	G Hind	59
15	(8)	461	SUMMERSEAT 114 (M Hardy) C Fairhurst 8-2	L Charnock	60
16	(1)	400130	SANDMOOR TARTAN 7 (D,F) (Sandmoor Textiles Co) T Easterby 8-1	D Wright	78
17	(15)	060	WILD LILLY 73 (W Dixon) M Ryan 7-13	G Bardwell	62

BETTING: 6-1 Eleonora D'Arborea, 7-1 Russian Romeo, 8-1 The Groveller, Santa Faye, 10-1 others.

1996: BURLINGTON HOUSE 9-2 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) P Cole 15 ran

FORM FOCUS Eleonora D'Arborea good 4¾l 6th to Regal Revolution in 6f Windsor fillies handicap (good to firm). Wait'n'see harder task than when beat Palsy Culsyth 3l in 5f Carlisle maiden auction stakes (firm). Santa Faye beat Relate 2l in 5f Chepstow maiden fillies auction stakes (good to firm). Tancred Times beat Deki 2l in 7f Catterick handicap (good). Russian Romeo beat Catherines Song 3l in 6f Leicester selling stakes (5f 218yd, good). Summerseat beat Impulse 1½l in 5f Wolverhampton selling stakes (AW).

ELEONORA D'ARBOREA can shrug off top weight in an open nursery

3.15 TIMEFORM RACE CARD SELLING STAKES (£2,721: 1m 2f 6yd) (15 runners)

1	(13)	0620600	EASTLEIGH 24 (S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-9-7	Lisa Watson (7)	50
2	(9)	5154633	JAVA RED 30 (F) (M Ng) J FitzGerald 5-9-7	K Fallon	55
3	(15)	3523301	BOLD TOP 16 (D,C,F) (Mrs G Spink) B Rothwell 5-9-0	J Fortune	60
4	(3)	26400-5	CHARLIE CHANG 6 (G Swinbank) D Barker 4-9-0	T Williams	58
5	(4)	5604-06	CURTELACE 20 (D,F) (Mrs C Buckland) M Bielby 7-9-0	G Parkin (3)	54
6	(2)		DIG FOR GOLD 10J (C Platts) Miss S Hall 4-9-0	L Charnock	—
7	(14)	0304222	ESSAYEFFSEE 10 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-0	K Darley	60
8	(6)	0/00000	GOLDEN FISH 22 (C Thomas) E Alston 5-9-0	J F Egan	33
9	(5)	/0000/0	LORD NASKRA 18 (J Pownall) G Woodward 8-9-0	A Culhane	—
10	(12)	00600/	WATCH MY LIPS 211J (Miss D Mason) M Tompkins 5-9-0	M Henry (3)	—
11	(8)	2060-0	OLD ROMA 21 (1997 Partnership) John Berry 4-8-9	D Holland	51
12	(11)	0-0062	QUALITAIR BEAUTY 17 (Magnum Ltd) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9	Dean McKeown	—
13	(7)	0-00000	TOCCO JEWEL 38 (S) (M Ryan) M Ryan 7-8-9	P McCabe (3)	—
14	(10)	030-061	MR FORTYWINKS 20 (G) (Miss N Cassidy) J Eyre 3-8-7	M Gallagher	61
15	(1)	0-6000	NORDICO MELODY 17 (West Riding Partnership) Mrs S Smith 3-8-7	D Pears	48

BETTING: 3-1 Essayeffsee, 9-2 Java Red, 5-1 Mr Fortywinks, 6-1 Bold Top, 10-1 Charlie Chang, 16-1 others.

1996: ACTION JACKSON 4-9-0 K Darley (3-1) B McMahon 18 ran

FORM FOCUS Bold Top beat Essayeffsee (same terms) neck in tough battle for 1¼m selling stakes here (good to firm). Essayeffsee 3l 2nd to Farringdon Hill in 1m3f Redcar amateurs handicap (1m 3f, firm). Qualitair Beauty 2l 2nd to Red Phantom in weak 1m1f Wolverhampton seller (AW). Mr Fortywinks, improving, beat Onel Lad 2½l in 1m1f Hamilton seller (good).

MR FORTYWINKS is the least exposed runner in a tricky heat

3.45 50 YEARS OF TIMEFORM FUTURITY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,429: 6f) (4 runners)

1	(4)	614220	WRETON PILOT 13 (G) (Winning Team) R Hannon 9-1	Pat Eddery	89
2	(3)	210	DAZILYN LADY 12 (D,F) (M Parker) P Harris 8-10	A Culhane	102
3	(2)	2120	PACIFICA 76 (G) (T Wells) R Boss 8-10	K Fallon	87
4	(1)	114	PARISIAN LADY 24 (BF,D,F) (A Gome) A Newcombe 8-6	G Hind	98

BETTING: 2-1 Parisian Lady, 5-2 Dazilyn Lady, 3-1 Wreton Pilot, 7-2 Pacifica.

1996: UMA 8-10 O Urbina (4-1) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS Wreton Pilot 4¾l last of 7 to Mowbray in 7f Kempton stakes (good). Dazilyn Lady 6¾l 7th to Cape Verdi in 6f York group II Lowther Stakes (good). Pacifica 9¾l 13th to Nadwah in 5f Royal Ascot group III Queen Mary Stakes (good to firm). Parisian Lady ¾l 4th to Diamond White in 7f Newmarket listed stakes (good to firm).

PARISIAN LADY, a highly promising sort, raced too freely at Newmarket

4.15 PHIL BULL TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,613: 2m 1f 216yd) (5 runners)

1	(5)	50542	AMBUSCADE 806 (BF,C,S) (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 11-9-2	Alex Greaves	—
2	(1)	0-04000	EUPHORIC ILLUSION 17J (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 6-9-2	D Pears	—
3	(4)	2-25522	JAMAICAN FLIGHT 7 (F) (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4-9-2	J Fortune	81
4	(2)	55-2520	OLD ROUVEL 66 (F) (Mrs R Cowell) D Murray Smith 6-9-2	K Darley	102
5	(3)	6633642	PENNY PEPPERMINT 6 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 5-8-11	J Carroll	63

BETTING: 2-7 Old Rouvel, 3-2 Jamaican Flight, 16-1 Penny Peppermint, 20-1 Ambuscade, Euphoric Illusion.

1996: CANON CAN 3-6-6 W Ryan (4-1) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Ambuscade 4l 2nd to Flashman in 2¼m handicap here (good to firm). Jamaican Flight 1¾l 2nd to Amarge in 2m Ripon handicap (good to firm). Old Rouvel 39l 17th to Windsor Castle in 2m Newcastle handicap (soft). Penny Peppermint 5l 2nd to Stoned Imaculate in 2m1f Carlisle maiden handicap (firm).

OLD ROUVEL should outclass these and gain an overdue success

4.45 WWW.TIMEFORM.COM HANDICAP (£3,509: 6f) (18 runners)

1	(6)	4154110	RUM LAD 52 (D,F,S) (B Shaw) J J Quinn 3-9-12	J Lowe	—
2	(13)	3130210	STAND TALL 13 (D,F,G) (C Hardy) Lady Herries 5-9-12	K Darley	70
3	(4)	5-354	FAYIK 24 (C Bradbury) A Newcombe 3-9-12	G Hind	70
4	(15)	6042115	GRAND CHAPEAU 16 (CD,F,G) (D Faulkner) D Nicholls 5-9-10	Alex Greaves	78
5	(7)	6034666	WILD PALM 12 (B,BF,G,S) (S Fustok) W O Gorman 5-9-8	Emma O'Gorman	71
6	(11)	0400400	DEPRECIATE 45 (D,G) (V R Bedley) C James 4-9-5	T Lucas	60
7	(5)	4030000	FOIST 24 (D,G,S) (D Spence) M W Easterby 5-9-1	G Parkin (3)	62
8	(1)	0000034	PANTHER 13 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Treble Chance Partnership) P Evans 7-9-1	J F Egan	70
9	(3)	0531000	TROPICAL BEACH 20 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Unsworth) J Berry 4-9-1	T E Durcan (3)	67
10	(2)	0955106	NIGHT HARMONY 26 (D,S) (Gilbert Feeds) Miss S Wilton 4-9-0	J Carroll	61
11	(10)	010-600	BATALEUR 102 (D,S) (M Worth) G Woodward 4-9-0	D Holland	58
12	(18)	5650130	AQUATIC QUEEN 12 (D,F) (J Johnston) C Dwyer 3-8-13	K Fallon	67
13	(12)	P-05100	BIRCHWOOD SUN 96 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Watson) M Dods 7-8-13	A Culhane	70
14	(16)	0220433	BOLLIN DOROTHY 18 (S) (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 4-8-12	T Williams	79
15	(9)	0000056	HALMANERROR 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-12	J Fortune	78
16	(8)	211-000	FONZY 30 (B,F,G) (West Riding Partnership) Mrs S Smith 3-8-11	D Pears	—
17	(17)	-005500	CRISSEM 18 (F) (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 4-8-9	F Lynch	54
18	(14)	03-2000	PLUM FIRST 3 (C,D,F,S) (J Stutcher) J Eyre 7-8-9	Kimberley Hart (5)	68

BETTING: 5-1 Grand Chapeau, 7-1 Bollin Dorothy, 8-1 Panther, 10-1 Stand Tall, Tropical Beach, Birchwood Sun, Plum First, 12-1 others.

1996: GRAND CHAPEAU 4-8-13 Alex Greaves (20-1) D Nicholls 17 ran

FORM FOCUS Stand Tall 2¾l 7th to Dummer Golf Time in 7f Kempton handicap (good). Fayik 6¾l 4th to Madyan Cafi in 6f Newmarket maiden stakes (good to firm). Grand Chapeau needed further when 3l 11th to Corniche Quest in 5f handicap here (good to firm). Bollin Dorothy steps back in trip form 1¾l 3rd to Fyrnie's Rascal in 7f Catterick handicap (good to firm).

GRAND CHAPEAU can continue his trainer's fine run

5.15 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE AND RACE RATINGS HANDICAP (£4,175: 1m 4yd) (19 runners)

1	(19)	352222-	XYLEM 250 (G,S) (C Ransom) L Cumani 6-10-0	D Young (7)	—
2	(16)	56-1002	KENNEMARA STAR 56 (D,S) (Windflower Holdings) J Dunlop 3-9-12	Pat Eddery	80
3	(1)	5-40504	OUR PEOPLE 16 (D,F) (Dr F To Chang) M Johnston 3-9-11	D Holland	68
4	(13)	3542223	BARNBURGH BOY 16 (M Burke Developments Ltd) T Barron 3-9-6	J Carroll	87
5	(14)	5-01200	MUKHATAB 17 (D,F,G) (D Bloy) J J Quinn 5-9-5	T Lucas	67
6	(18)	-041300	TOPATORI 19 (F) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 3-9-4	M Henry (3)	71
7	(9)	5-0300	REGAL THUNDER 39 (P Savill) M Steele 3-9-3	K Darley	64
8	(5)	-013100	GYMCRAK FLYER 43 (B,CD,F,G) (Gymcrak R C) G Holmes 6-9-1	K Fallon	62
9	(2)	5105600	GULLIVER 10 (D,F) (P Green) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1	J Fortune	70
10	(6)	/400-00	OCEAN STREAM 182 (V) (M Gleason) J Eyre 4-9-1	R Lappin	60
11	(12)	0033-56	ALPINE PANTHER 10 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-13	A Culhane	71
12	(15)	2-03000	DOC RYAN'S 22 (P Flavin) M Ryan 3-8-13	G Bardwell	76
13	(11)	5025010	WELLCOME INN 10 (S) (Burntwood Sports Ltd) J O'Reilly 3-8-8	J O'Reilly	88
14	(8)	0-06	ZAGROS 87 (Caerleon Estates Ltd) T Easterby 3-8-4	L Charnock	73
15	(17)	5202561	LEGAL ISSUE 17 (D,F,G,S) (B Valentine) W Haigh 5-8-4	T Sprake	74
16	(3)	3005000	FOREST ROBIN 10 (Platinum Racing Ltd) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-1	J Fanning	81
17	(4)	0060022	SCENICRIS 27 (D,S) (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 4-8-1	N Carlisle	84
18	(7)	22565R-	THALEROS 311J (F) (M Gleason) J Wainwright 7-8-1	Dean McKeown	—
19	(10)	3200160	PLEASURE TRICK 25 (CD,F,G) (E Incisa) E Incisa 6-7-12	Kim Tinkler	76

BETTING: 11-4 Kennemara Star, 7-1 Barnburgh Boy, 8-1 Regal Thunder, Gymcrak Flyer, Legal Issue, 10-1 Topatori, Scenicris, 14-1 others.

1996: MAPLE BAY 7-10-0 G Faulkner (3-1 fav) A Bailey 15 ran

FORM FOCUS Xylem 1½l 2nd to Sharjah in 1½m Nad Al Sheba handicap (AW). Kennemara Star neck 2nd to Ben Gunn in competitive 1m Newmarket handicap (good). Barnburgh Boy found little when 1¼l 3rd to Apache Star in course and distance handicap (good to firm). Legal Issue beat Sandmoor Denim neck in 1m½f Wolverhampton handicap (AW). Scenicris, tricky sort, 3l 2nd to Forest Fantasy in 1m Nottingham fillies handicap (good to firm).

KENNEMARA STAR will be a warm order after an excellent effort

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Dunlop	13	49	26.5	Pat Eddery	16	42	38.1
M Stoute	9	38	23.7	M Henry	4	20	20.0
S Williams	3	15	20.0	K Fallon	38	197	19.3
J J Quinn	4	22	18.2	G Hind	6	40	15.0
Mrs J Ramsden	37	205	18.0	J Egan	4	34	11.8

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Britain's "B" team came fourth this year in the annual Schiphol tournament. This hand was well defended by John Armstrong.

Dealer South **Love all** **IMPs**

North:
♠ J 7 5
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 9 8 2

West:
♠ K 10 4 3
♥ 4 3
♦ A J 10 2
♣ A 5 3

East:
♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 7 4

South:
♠ A 9
♥ A J 2
♦ K Q 9
♣ K Q J 10 6

S	W	N	E
2 NT	Pass	3 C(1)	Pass
3 D	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: four of hearts.

(1) Asking for four-card majors.

I recently made a sniffy remark about leading from a doubleton against the sequence 1NT - 3NT. But there is more of a case for it against 2NT - 3NT and similar sequences. The dummy will be very weak and lacking in entries, so passive leads can work well. A low spade lead from West on this hand would have given the declarer two spade tricks, and an easy ride to his contract.

The first trick went to the nine, queen and ace of hearts. Declarer played the king of clubs, ducked all round, and another high club. Armstrong (West) won as East completed a peter. What should he play now?

He could tell from East's peter that declarer had KQJxx of clubs, and from the play to the first trick that he had AJ of hearts. That gave him seven tricks. To make up his 20 points declarer had to have at least the ace of spades and the king of diamonds, with in addition one of the pointed queens. If he had the queen of diamonds, he was threatening to make nine tricks via four clubs, three hearts, one spade and one diamond.

So Armstrong saw he had to attack spades. If declarer had the queen there was no hope, but in case his partner had Qxxx, he played the ten of spades. That meant the declarer's spade holding was worth only one trick. When declarer played a diamond the defence had sufficient spade winners to beat the contract.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEYSSEL
a. A Saracen scimitar
b. White wine
c. A coarse fibre

TROCHAICAL
a. Sarcastic
b. A rabbi's wine-bearer
c. Running dum-de

SKEET
a. To monoski
b. Swiftly
c. Shooting

WANDERVOGEL
a. A vulture
b. A rambler
c. Dumpling stew

Answers on page 50

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Double Sacrifice

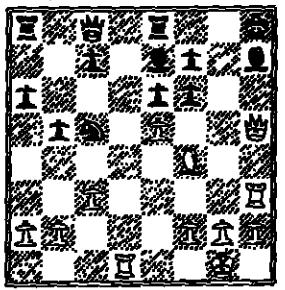
Some of the more attractive games occur when one side can mass pieces in front of the enemy king. In this game, from the Mind Sports Olympiad, co-British champion grandmaster Michael Adams makes heavy sacrifices in order to strip the black king of its protection.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Keith Arkell
Mind Sports Olympiad, Royal Festival Hall, August 1997

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Bd7
5	Nf3	Bc6
6	Bd3	Nd7
7	0-0	Ngf6
8	Ng3	Be7
9	Re1	0-0
10	c3	Re8
11	Bf4	b5
12	Qe2	a6
13	Rad1	Qc8
14	Ne5	Nxe5
15	dxe5	Nd7
16	Ne4	Nc5
17	Nf6+	gxf6
18	Bxh7+	Kxh7
19	Qh5+	Kg8
20	Qg4+	Kh8
21	Re3	Be4
22	Rh3+	Bh7
23	Qh5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Chinese Masters

Although Chinese chess (*xiangqi*) is still the more popular in China, great efforts are being made to promote the international variety. The Chinese can now boast numerous titled players in the international form of the game. Here is a victory by one of their stars from the tournament underway in Beijing.

White: Joaquin Durao
Black: Li Ruofan Beijing, August 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	f4	e5
7	Nf3	Nbd7
8	Bc4	b5
9	Bb3	Be7
10	a4	Bb7
11	Qe2	0-0
12	0-0	Nc5
13	axb5	Nxb3
14	cxb3	axb5
15	Rxa8	Qxa8
16	fxe5	dxe5
17	Nxe5	b4
18	Nd5	Nxd5
19	exd5	Bxd5
20	Nc4	Re8
21	Qf2	Qc6
22	Be3	Bf8
23	Bd4	Re4
24	Re1	Rxd4
25	Ne5	Qc7

White resigns

Correction

In Friday's article, the black queen in the diagram for the game McShane-Timms should have been on d6.

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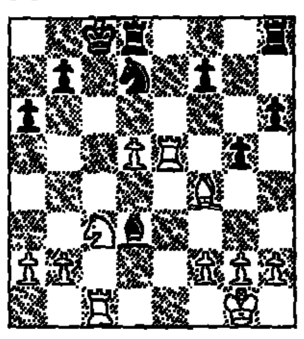
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kotronias - Mouroutis, Corinth 1997.

White is already a pawn ahead in this endgame and now finds a move which increases his advantage to decisive proportions. How did he continue?



Solution on page 50

Choose your fantasy team

HOW TO PLAY

- You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager.
- You must pick 1 GOALKEEPER, 2 FULL BACKS, 2 CENTRAL DEFENDERS, 4 MIDFIELD PLAYERS, 2 STRIKERS, 1 MANAGER.
- You must not exceed your budget of £35 million. You must not pick more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club. If after a real-life transfer, you find you have three players from one club in your team, you must sell one of them. No player may be picked twice.
- Players and the manager must be chosen from Interactive Team Football category lists, which include code numbers and values.
- Your players and manager will accumulate points in all 1997-98 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from Saturday August 9 onwards.
- The team with the most points at the end of the season will win the £50,000 first prize. You may enter as many teams as you like whenever you like. Readers entering a mini-league should tick the box on the application form.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

POINTS AWARDED

GOALKEEPER

● Keeps clean sheet (per half)**	+3 points
● Scores goal	+20 points
● Saves penalty	+1 point

FULL BACK / CENTRAL DEFENDER

● Keeps clean sheet*	+3 points
● Scores goal	+4 points

MIDFIELD PLAYER

● Keeps clean sheet*	+1 point
● Scores goal	+3 points

STRIKER

● Scores goal	+2 points

ALL PLAYERS

● On winning side	+1 point
● Appearance†	+1 point
● Scores hat-trick	+10 bonus points

MANAGER

● Wins	+3 points
● Draws	+1 point

** Must have played a complete half in the match to earn +3 points
* Must have played for 75 minutes in the match † Must have played for 45 minutes in the match

POINTS DEDUCTED

GOALKEEPER

● Concedes goal	-2 points

FULL BACK / CENTRAL DEFENDER

● Concedes goal	-1 point

ALL PLAYERS

● Sent off	-3 points
● Booked	-1 point
● Concedes penalty	-1 point
● Misses penalty	-1 point
● Scores own goal	-1 point

MANAGER

● Team loses	-1 point

TRANSFERS

Each team entered by August 9 received 60 transfers for the season. [illegible] the transfer allocation decreases by 3 transfers each week up to December 1[illegible] teams registered on that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams [illegible] date will be allocated 20 transfers for the season. Full details of how [illegible] appear in The Times.

WAYS OF ENTERING YOUR TEAM

- **FOR POST AND FAX** See the entry form, right
- **BY TELEPHONE: 0891 405 011 (UK)**
  +44 990 100 3[illegible] ([illegible] Ireland)

Select your team and follow the simple [illegible] instructions. Tap in [illegible] full set of selections (using the [illegible] each of your chosen players and manager. You will be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters). Finally you will be given a [illegible]-digit personal identification number (PIN). Telephone registrations via Touch-tone (DTMF) telephones only. Most push-button telephones with * and a hash key are Touch-tone. Calls cost 50p per minute. Each call lasts about eight minutes. Public telephone calls cost about double.

- **BY the Internet**

ITF is available on The Times website (www.the-times.co.uk). The Internet version enables you to enter the game and play for the entire season, giving you access to league tables, fixture lists, player records and your team history.

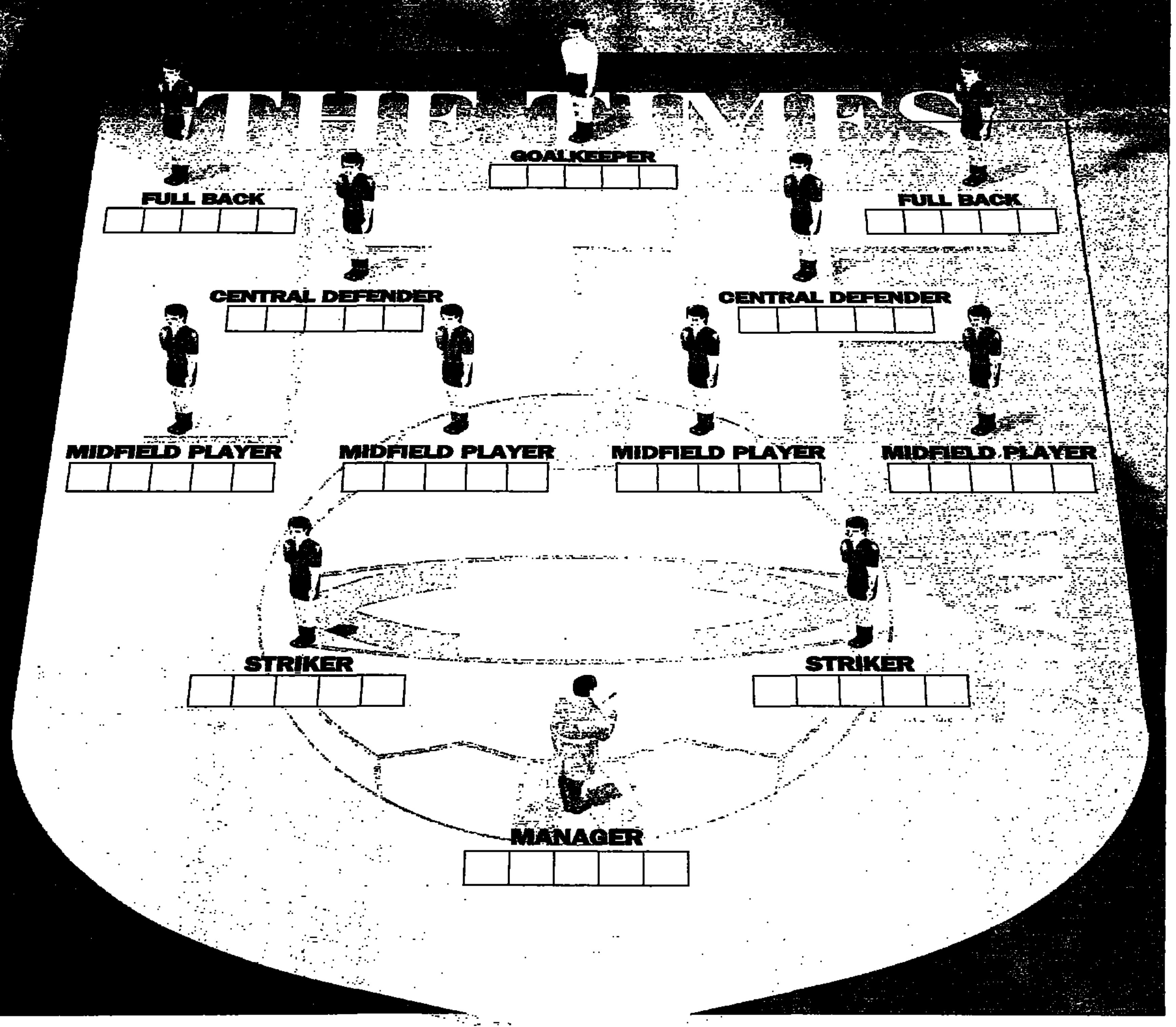
- **BY LineOne**

You can enter ITF free on LineOne. This includes all transfers and checking throughout the season. For your software which includes one month's free membership of LineOne plus ten hours' access to LineOne and the Internet call 0800 111 210. For more information visit the LineOne website at www.LineOne.net.

- **BY Sky Sports Interactive**

Play ITF with Sky Sports Interactive on 0891 770 700 (calls charged at 50p per minute). Details on Sky Text page 118.

£100,000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON



HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM

● **BY POST**
Complete the entry form and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to Times Newspapers to the address on the application form.

● **BY FAX**
Complete the entry form and fax it to 0660 600 563 (calls cost 49p per minute) or outside UK +44 171 649 1726. Enter your credit card details on the fax section of the form. £2 will be debited from your account.

See panel above left for details of how the number of transfers decreases as the season progresses. All entrants will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of their personal identification number (PIN) and team, with complete terms and conditions.

TEAM NAME ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ (Up to 16 characters)

Goalkeeper ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
Full back ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
Central defender ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
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Striker ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
Striker ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________
Manager ☐☐☐☐☐ ____________

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL ENTRANTS

First Name ____________
Surname ____________
Address ____________
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Postcode ____________ Daytime Tel ____________
Cheque / PO No. ____________

This year ITF will incorporate separate mini leagues. Please tick the correct league(s) for your entry.

☐ ITF League ☐ Women's League ☐ Student League ☐ Youth League (Under 18)

Entrants must be 18 or over to play in the ITF league, the Women's league and the Students' league. Entrants under 18 may enter the Youth league only and are not eligible for cash prizes.

Which age group are you? (TICK BOX)
1. 18-24 ☐ 2. 25-34 ☐ 3. 35-44 ☐
4. 45-54 ☐ 5. 55-64 ☐ 6. 65+ ☐

How often do you read The Times?
Less than once a week ☐ 1-3 times a week ☐ 4-6 times a week ☐

How often do you read The Sunday Times?
Less than once a month ☐ 1-2 times a month ☐ 3-4 times a month ☐

Do you have a PC at home? Yes ☐ No ☐ If you do not wish to receive other offers from Times Newspapers, please tick box ☐

Send your entry with £2 entry fee (entrants outside the UK or Rep of Ireland £10 sterling) to: The Times Interactive Team Football, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1ZZ.

FOR FAX ENTRY, FILL IN CREDIT CARD DETAILS BELOW

Fax your entry to: UK 0660 600 563
Outside UK +44 171 649 1726

Credit Card Number ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Expiry date ☐☐/☐☐

Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Name on card ____________
(Supply address of registered cardholder if different from above)

Signature ____________ Name ____________
Address ____________
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Postcode ____________ Daytime Tel ____________

* Calls cost 50p per minute

QUERY NUMBER: 01582 702720

THIS IS NO FANTASY

- FREE Entry to The Times Interactive Team Football 1997.*
- One month's FREE membership of LineOne.
- 10 hours FREE access to LineOne's minute-by-minute football news, and the Internet.

When it comes to playing The Times Interactive Team Football you can see that LineOne puts you ahead of the game. Not only does it give you all the latest results and match reports from Sky, but also all the news, commentary and analysis from The Times, The Sunday Times and the Internet.

Through LineOne you can also chat to your competitors and seek the views of other football fans. You can even set up LineOne to bring you all the information about your own team as soon as it is available.

Who knows? With access to all this football information, winning the title might just become a reality.

Call for your FREE trial of LineOne and the Internet now on 0800 111 210

*One FREE on-line entry via LineOne including all transfers. This is worth £9.

and be £50,000 champions

It's not too late to join, is easy to play and will cost you very little to sign up.

But can you pick a team to win a monthly prize — or even the whole league?

Thousand of readers are joining Interactive Team Football (ITF) every week in the hope of winning the league outright, or to try for the generous monthly prizes. Points are accumulated every week, so it's best to sign up now.

The Times, in association with LineOne and Sky Sports Interactive, is challenging you to select a team from the best players in Britain — those in the FA Carling Premiership and the leading clubs in the Bell's Scottish League.

Your expertise will be rewarded with a £50,000 prize for the winning team selector plus £10,000 for the second prize and £5,000 for the team coming third. Then a further £1,000 goes to the selector of the best team of the month (plus a signed Mitre football, a Mitre sports bag and Premiership tickets).

Then there is the new FA Cup prize. Every team entered into the ITF league will automatically be entered into the FA Cup league. Points scored by your players in FA Cup matches will be entered both in the main ITF league and in the special FA Cup league. **The winner of the FA Cup league will be awarded £10,000.**

That is not all. New this year are three special mini-leagues running concurrently with the ITF league: a Women's League, the Mitre Students League and the Dairy Crest Youth League for under-18s. **The winning team in each category will win a trip for two to the World Cup in France next year.** Monthly prizes of Premier League tickets, Mitre footballs signed by Stuart Pearce and Mitre sports bags will also be awarded in each league for the manager of the month.

Winners' details for the first monthly leagues will appear next Tuesday

ITF CHECKLINE

You can check your position in ITF by calling **0891 884643** (outside UK 44 990 200 532).

- ITF terms and conditions are available on request by calling the helpline number: 01582 702720.
- Normal Times Newspapers competition rules apply.

SEVEN GOOD REASONS TO PLAY ITF

- More prize money — £100,000 worth of prizes to be won
- New FA Cup league with a prize fund of £10,000 for the winner, with automatic inclusion and no extra work or cost
- New mini-leagues for women, students and young entrants with separate monthly prizes and overall prizes of trips to the World Cup for each league winner
- 60 transfers with more flexibility for more control over your team
- Special hat-trick bonus introduced
- Revaluation of players: the value of players will go up and down through the season so, with careful selection, you can juggle your funds to buy more top names
- Easy to enter: six different ways of joining ITF (post, fax, telephone, Skytext, Internet and LineOne)

WHICH STRIKER IS BETTER VALUE?

Bergkamp: £7.5m, five goals

Sutton: £3m, six goals

Top points scorer: Schmeichel has yet to concede a goal

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

OUT

32201	Mitchell Van Der Gaag	Motherwell	£1.5m
32703	Ulrich Van Gobbel	Southampton	£1m
40303	Andy Townsend	Aston Villa	£2m
40703	Peter Grant	Celtic	£1.5m

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

☐ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

☐ EACH TEAM that was entered by August 9 was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.

☐ THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the rest of the season You may only make transfers by using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring

☐ YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers

☐ TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day

☐ YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

☐ CALLS COST 50p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost approximately twice as much.

Transfer number: 0891 884 628.
Outside the UK: +44 990 200 538.

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
10101	J Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	2	—3
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	5	18
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.00	3	5
10401	D Watson	Barnsley	1.00	—1	—4
10501	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	4	4
10601	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	—3	5
10701	S Kerr	Celtic	4.00	0	0
10801	E De Goey	Chelsea	3.00	6	9
10901	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	—3	—8
11001	C Nash	Crystal Palace	1.00	0	0
11002	K Miller	Crystal Palace	2.00	2	15
11101	M Poom	Derby County	1.50	8	13
11201	S Dykstra	Dundee Utd	3.00	2	—5
11301	I Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	0	6
11401	N Southall	Everton	2.00	—3	—3
11501	G Rousset	Hearts	1.50	8	11
11601	C Reid	Hibernian	1.00	0	0
11701	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	—7
11801	N Martyn	Leeds Utd	3.50	—1	1
11901	K Keller	Leicester City	2.00	—3	15
12001	D James	Liverpool	3.50	8	9
12101	P Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	16	39
12201	S Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0	0
12301	S Given	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0	11
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	3
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Weds	2.50	—5	-11
12701	M Taylor	Southampton	1.50	0	0
12601	A Main	St Johnstone	0.50	—3	2
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.00	5	11
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham Utd	2.00	5	11
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	—2	2

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	2	2
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	2	8
20203	E Petit	Arsenal	2.50	—1	0
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	3	3
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	5	2
20303	S Grayson	Aston Villa	2.50	5	2
20304	F Nelson	Aston Villa	2.00	2	—1
20401	N Eaden	Barnsley	0.50	1	0
20402	N Thompson	Barnsley	0.50	0	0
20502	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	1	11
20503	P Valery	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	1	10
20601	N Cox	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	0	3
20602	R Elliott	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	—1	3
20701	T Boyd	Celtic	3.50	0	4
20702	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.50	0	0
20703	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	—1
20501	G Le Saux	Chelsea	4.00	4	7
20801	D Petrescu	Chelsea	4.00	12	16
20802	C Babayaro	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
20901	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.00	—3	—7
20902	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
20903	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	—2	—2
21001	D Gordon	Crystal Palace	1.50	—1	5
21002	M Edworthy	Crystal Palace	1.50	—2	4
21003	K Muscat	Crystal Palace	1.00	—1	5
21101	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	5	5
21102	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	0
21401	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.50	0	0
21402	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	—1	0
21403	T Phelan	Everton	1.50	—1	—1
21501	G Locke	Hearts	1.50	0	0
21701	D Kerr	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	0
21801	G Kelly	Leeds Utd	2.50	—1	—2
21802	D Robertson	Leeds Utd	2.50	—1	—1
21901	M Whitlow	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
21902	S Guppy	Leicester City	1.50	—2	8
22001	S Bjornebye	Liverpool	4.00	4	4
22002	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	0
22101	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	6	19
22102	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.50	10	14
22103	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.50	2	11
22301	S Watson	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
22302	W Barton	Newcastle Utd	2.00	0	1
22303	J Beresford	Newcastle Utd	1.50	0	10
22304	S Pearce	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
22401	A Cleland	Rangers	3.00	0	0
22402	S Stensaas	Rangers	3.00	0	1
22501	P Blondeau	Sheffield Weds	2.50	—6	-10
22502	I Nolan	Sheffield Weds	2.00	—4	—7
22701	J Dodd	Southampton	1.00	2	0
22702	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	2	0
22703	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	0
22801	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	1.00	—3	—3
22901	J Dicks	West Ham Utd	3.00	0	0
22902	A Impey	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	2.00	0	0
23002	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	2.00	—3	—3
23003	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.00	—3	—3

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
30101	B O'Neil	Aberdeen	2.00	—1	—6
30201	T Adams	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30202	M Keown	Arsenal	3.50	0	0
30203	G Grimandi	Arsenal	2.00	2	7
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	3	—1
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.50	3	0
30401	A De Zeeuw	Barnsley	1.00	1	0
30402	A Moses	Barnsley	0.50	1	0
30403	M Appleby	Barnsley	0.50	0	5
30502	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	1	8
30504	S Henchoz	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	1	1
30601	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	—2	1
30602	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	1.00	—1	3
30603	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.00	0	0
30701	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	0
30702	M MacKay	Celtic	3.00	0	2
30703	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.00	0	0
30801	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	3.00	4	1
30802	M Duberry	Chelsea	3.00	5	5
30803	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.50	5	8
30804	B Lambourde	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
30901	L Daish	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
30902	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	—2	—5
30903	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	—3	—8
31001	A Roberts	Crystal Palace	1.50	—3	3
31002	A Linighan	Crystal Palace	0.75	—1	3
31003	D Tuttle	Crystal Palace	0.75	—2	1
31101	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	2	0
31102	J Laursen	Derby County	1.50	4	3
31201	S Pressley	Dundee Utd	3.00	0	0
31301	G Shields	Dunfermline	1.50	—1	1
31401	S Bilic	Everton	3.00	—1	—3
31402	D Watson	Everton	2.00	—1	—2
31501	D Weir	Hearts	2.00	5	5
31601	J Hughes	Hibernian	1.50	0	4
31801	D Wetherall	Leeds Utd	2.00	0	0
31802	G Halle	Leeds Utd	2.00	—2	—1
31803	R Molenaar	Leeds Utd	2.00	—1	—2
31804	L Radebe	Leeds Utd	1.50	—1	—1
31901	M Elliott	Leicester City	3.00	0	14
31902	P Kaamark	Leicester City	2.00	—3	7
31903	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.50	1	11
32001	M Wright	Liverpool	3.00	5	4
32002	D Matteo	Liverpool	3.00	0	—1
32003	B Kvarme	Liverpool	3.00	4	4
30501	H Berg	Manchester Utd	3.00	10	16
32101	D May	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	0
32102	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	10	24
32301	P Albert	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	5
32302	D Peacock	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	0
32303	S Howey	Newcastle Utd	2.00	0	0
32304	A Pistone	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	6
32401	S Porrini	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32402	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	1
32403	L Amoruso	Rangers	3.50	0	0
32501	D Walker	Sheffield Weds	2.50	1	—2
32502	J Newsome	Sheffield Weds	2.50	—1	—1
32503	P Atherton	Sheffield Weds	2.50	—1	—6
32701	R Dryden	Southampton	1.00	0	0
32702	C Lundekvam	Southampton	1.00	0	0
32601	S McCluskey	St Johnstone	0.50	—1	3
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham	3.00	3	1
32802	J Scales	Tottenham	2.50	4	8
32803	R Vega	Tottenham	2.00	0	—4
32804	C Calderwood	Tottenham	2.00	0	9
32901	R Ferdinand	West Ham Utd	2.50	1	2
32902	R Hall	West Ham Utd	2.00	0	0
31403	D Unsworth	West Ham Utd	2.00	1	1
32903	S Potts	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	2
33001	C Perry	Wimbledon	2.50	—3	—3
33002	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	2.50	—3	—3

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40101	E Jess	Aberdeen	3.00	1	3
40102	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.00	0	1
40201	M Overmars	Arsenal	5.50	4	12
40202	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.50	3	8
40203	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.50	0	1
40204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.50	2	8
40205	D Platt	Arsenal	1.50	0	2
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	4	7
40302	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	4	6
40401	N Redfearn	Barnsley	3.00	3	14
40402	E Tinkler	Barnsley	2.00	6	8
40403	D Sheridan	Barnsley	1.00	0	3
40404	M Bullock	Barnsley	0.50	1	6
40501	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	5	12
40502	B McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	1	7
40503	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40504	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	3	9
40601	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	1	4
40602	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	0	4
40603	P Frandsen	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	1	4
40604	M Johansen	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
40605	J Pollock	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	1	4
40701	A Thom	Celtic	4.50	0	4
40702	P O'Donnell	Celtic	3.00	0	1
42503	R Blinker	Celtic	1.50	0	2
40704	C Burley	Celtic	3.00	0	4
40801	D Wise	Chelsea	4.00	8	10
40802	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	4.00	8	12
40803	E Newton	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
40804	G Poyet	Chelsea	2.00	5	11
40901	G McAllister	Coventry City	2.50	0	3
40902	T Soltvedt	Coventry City	1.50	1	5
40903	J Salako	Coventry City	1.50	2	6
41002	S Rodger	Crystal Palace	1.00	2	7
41003	D Pitcher	Crystal Palace	0.25	0	0
41004	P Warhurst	Crystal Palace	1.50	1	9
41005	A Lombardo	Crystal Palace	2.50	2	9
41101	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.50	0	0
41102	S Eranio	Derby County	2.50	4	5
41103	D Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	0
41104	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	2	4
41105	R Van Der Laan	Derby County	1.00	3	5
41106	J Hunt	Derby County	1.00	3	5
41201	R Winters	Dundee Utd	3.50	4	9
41301	A Smith	Dunfermline	2.00	1	7
41302	D Fleming	Dunfermline	1.50	0	1
41401	G Speed	Everton	3.50	1	7
41402	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	0
41403	G Farrelly	Everton	1.50	0	3
41404	D Williamson	Everton	2.00	1	1
41501	N McCann	Hearts	2.50	6	9
41601	C Jackson	Hibernian	2.00	0	1
41602	B Lavety	Hibernian	2.00	1	7
41701	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	2.00	0	0
41001	D Hopkin	Leeds Utd	3.50	2	5
41801	L Bowyer	Leeds Utd	3:00	0	3
41802	A Haaland	Leeds Utd	2.50	2	3
41803	L Sharpe	Leeds Utd	2.50	0	0
41901	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	0
41902	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	1	7
41903	M Izzet	Leicester City	2.00	2	9
41904	S Taylor	Leicester City	1.50	0	0
42001	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	6	9
42002	O Leonhardsen	Liverpool	4.00	0	0
42003	M Thomas	Liverpool	3.00	2	5
42004	J Redknapp	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
42006	P Ince	Liverpool	5.00	2	7
42101	D Beckham	Manchester Utd	8.00	9	16
42102	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	6	14
42103	R Keane	Manchester Utd	5.00	9	16
42104	N Butt	Manchester Utd	4.00	6	17
42105	A Cole	Manchester Utd	5.00	6	6
42201	B Davies	Motherwell	2.00	0	0
42301	R Lee	Newcastle Utd	5.00	0	5
42302	K Gillespie	Newcastle Utd	3.50	0	3
42303	D Batty	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	0
42005	J Barnes	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	0
42401	B Laudrup	Rangers	8.00	0	0
42402	P Gascoigne	Rangers	6.00	0	2
42403	J Thern	Rangers	4.00	0	2
42404	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	0
42501	B Carbone	Sheffield Weds	3.00	10	15
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Weds	2.50	0	2
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Weds	1.00	0	4
42701	J Magilton	Southampton	1.50	3	6
42702	R Slater	Southampton	0.75	0	2
42703	N Maddison	Southampton	0.75	4	10
42601	A Sekerlioglu	St Johnstone	0.75	1	4
42801	A Sinton	Tottenham	3.00	2	5
42802	D Anderton	Tottenham	3.00	0	0
42803	R Fox	Tottenham	2.00	6	6
42804	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	4	8
42805	D Ginola	Tottenham	2.50	0	3
42901	E Berkovic	West Ham Utd	2.50	5	13
42902	S Lomas	West Ham Utd	2.50	3	7
42903	J Moncur	West Ham Utd	2.00	2	5
42904	M Hughes	West Ham Utd	1.50	0	3
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.50	2	4
43002	N Ardley	Wimbledon	2.00	1	3
43003	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	0
43004	C Hughes	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
50101	B Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	3	4
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	1	11
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	16	24
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	7	10
50302	S Collymore	Aston Villa	7.00	5	7
50303	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	3.00	0	2
50401	G Hristov	Barnsley	1.50	5	6
50402	J Hendrie	Barnsley	1.50	2	6
50403	C Marcelle	Barnsley	1.00	3	4
50501	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	10	19
50502	M Dahlin	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	3	6
50503	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	10	29
50601	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	0	2
50602	N Blake	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	1	10
50603	P Beardsley	Bolton Wanderers	2.00	3	3
50701	J Cadete	Celtic	8.00	0	0
51601	D Jackson	Celtic	4.00	0	5
50703	T Johnson	Celtic	3.50	0	0
50801	G Zola	Chelsea	7.00	2	5
50802	M Hughes	Chelsea	5.00	4	4
50901	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	2	22
50902	D Huckerby	Coventry City	3.00	4	9
50903	N Whelan	Coventry City	2.50	0	0
51001	N Shipperley	Crystal Palace	2.50	0	2
51002	D Freedman	Crystal Palace	2.50	0	1
51003	B Dyer	Crystal Palace	2.00	4	9
51101	D Sturridge	Derby County	4.00	1	1
51102	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	2	4
51103	F Baiano	Derby County	2.00	2	2
51201	A McLaren	Dundee Utd	3.00	1	2
51202	K Olofsson	Dundee Utd	2.50	0	1
51301	G Britton	Dunfermline	2.00	0	0
51401	D Ferguson	Everton	5.00	1	5
51402	N Barmby	Everton	3.00	1	2
51403	G Stuart	Everton	2.50	1	4
51501	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	2	7
51701	P Wright	Kilmarnock	5.00	0	0
51702	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	2.50	0	1
51801	J Hasselbaink	Leeds Utd	3.00	2	8
51803	R Wallace	Leeds Utd	1.50	2	10
51901	S Claridge	Leicester City	4.50	2	3
51902	E Heskey	Leicester City	4.50	3	7
51903	I Marshall	Leicester City	2.00	0	7
51904	G Fenton	Leicester City	2.00	0	0
52001	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.50	0	0
52002	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	1	1
52003	K Riedle	Liverpool	4.50	4	6
52101	O Solskjaer	Manchester Utd	7.50	0	0
52102	T Sheringham	Manchester Utd	7.00	6	10
52103	P Scholes	Manchester Utd	6.00	2	6
52201	O Coyle	Motherwell	3.00	0	3
52202	T Coyne	Motherwell	3.00	0	4
52301	A Shearer	Newcastle Utd	10.00	0	0
52303	F Asprilla	Newcastle Utd	3.50	0	6
52401	M Negri	Rangers	3.50	0	22
52402	S Rozental	Rangers	3.50	0	0
52403	G Durie	Rangers	3.00	0	1
52501	A Booth	Sheffield Weds	4.00	0	2
50702	P Di Canio	Sheffield Weds	6.50	2	5
52502	D Hirst	Sheffield Weds	2.50	2	2
52503	R Humphreys	Sheffield Weds	2.00	2	3
52701	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	0	0
52702	E Ostenstad	Southampton	4.00	1	4
52703	M Evans	Southampton	2.00	1	2
52601	G O'Boyle	St Johnstone	1.50	3	6
52602	R Grant	St Johnstone	1.00	—1	4
52801	S Iversen	Tottenham	3.50	3	6
52302	L Ferdinand	Tottenham	7.50	7	13
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham	3.50	0	0
52901	J Hartson	West Ham Utd	3.00	5	14
52902	P Kitson	West Ham Utd	3.00	3	8
52903	I Dowie	West Ham Utd	1.50	2	3
53001	M Gayle	Wimbledon	4.00	2	6
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	4.00	4	5
53003	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	1	3

MANAGERS

Code	Name	Team	Cost (£m)	Week	Total
60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	1	—1
60201	A Wenger	Arsenal	4.50	2	9
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	2	—1
60401	D Wilson	Barnsley	0.50	2	3
60501	R Hodgson	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	6	13
60601	C Todd	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	—1	3
60701	W Jansen	Celtic	4.00	0	2
60801	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	6	8
60901	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	0	3
61001	S Coppell	Crystal Palace	0.75	—2	3
61101	J Smith	Derby County	1.00	3	1
61201	T McLean	Dundee Utd	3.00	1	1
61301	B Paton	Dunfermline	1.00	1	7
61401	H Kendall	Everton	2.00	—1	1
61501	J Jefferies	Hearts	1.50	3	5
61601	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	—1	3
61701	B Williamson	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	—1
61801	G Graham	Leeds Utd	2.00	—2	1
61901	M O'Neill	Leicester City	1.50	0	7
62001	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	3	4
62101	A Ferguson	Manchester Utd	5.00	6	13
62201	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.00	0	2
62301	K Dalglish	Newcastle Utd	4.50	0	6
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	3
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Weds	2.50	2	1
62701	D Jones	Southampton	0.75	2	—1
62601	P Sturrock	St Johnstone	0.50	1	3
62801	G Francis	Tottenham	2.50	4	5
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham Utd	1.50	4	9
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	2.00	—2	0

RUGBY LEAGUE: AUSTRALIAN APPOINTED AS GOODWAY'S DEPUTY IN NEW COACHING SET-UP

Britain broadens horizons with McRae

By Christopher Irvine

Goodway, a champion of lost causes, flies the flag after the announcement of his role with Great Britain. Photograph: Steve Forrest

UNTIL now, the idea of an overseas influence in the Great Britain set-up has been frowned upon, yet the appointment yesterday of Shaun McRae, the Australian coach of St Helens, as No 2 to Andy Goodway for the three matches against Australia in November and the 1998 World Cup is a logical progression.

Australian and New Zealand players and coaches have offered valuable insights and expertise as part of the club scene for many years. More important than McRae's record with St Helens in claiming the Super League title last year and successive Challenge Cup triumphs is his experience with Australia on two winning tours of Britain, the 1992 World Cup victory and, with New Zealand, in the 1995 World Cup.

Goodway, as expected, has been given the lead role in the so-called "coaching partnership" for his work with Oldham and, lately, in keeping Paris Saint-Germain afloat in the Super League. As a champion of lost causes, Goodway, 36, is an appropriate choice, but if Britain are to defy overwhelming odds and 27 years of frustration by beating Australia in a series, McRae's assistance in a technical role will be vital. There will be additional input from a skills and conditioning coach.

The Goodway-McRae ticket was the first choice of Joe Lydon, the Rugby Football League technical director. "I'm patriotic and nationalistic, but the goal is to win against Australia and if that means bringing the right people together to do that, then it doesn't matter where they come from," he said.

Goodway's appointment follows a remarkable five months in which he was dismissed by Oldham and helped Paris to relegate his former employers. Although he has achieved little at club level, he is felt to have the right, analytical approach.

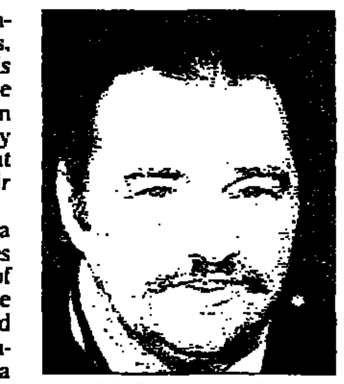
As he prepares to become involved with a third national team, McRae, 37, is mindful of Australia's vast playing resources but feels that, fully fit, Britain have the players to be more than competetive. It is a view endorsed by Goodway, whose 23 international appearances came when playing riches were less scarce. "There are enough quality players. It's just making the right selections," he said.

In another innovation, the selection process will follow the Australian model of a "train-on" squad, which will be added to as players' club commitments end in the Premiership and world club championship. This will be pared to a final squad 12 days before the first international, at Wembley on November 1.

The captaincy is an unresolved issue, although it would be a surprise were it to be removed from Andy Farrell, who performed well in trying circumstances in New Zealand last year. The Wigan forward was described by Goodway as the "No 1 player in Britain", but it is the availability of his Wigan colleagues, Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson, that is the most pressing concern.

They have not represented Britain for more than a year because of their Australian Rugby League (ARL) contracts. Unless the ARL relents, or a united competition is hurriedly agreed between the ARL and the Australasian Super League, an already threadbare Britain side might have to do without two of their best players.

There is a problem, too, of a lack of sponsorship for a series that represents the pinnacle of the game. Two months is little enough time for Goodway and McRae to get their preparations right, let alone for a backer to emerge.



McRae: expertise

RUGBY UNION: CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PREVENT REDUCTION OF CLUBS PROMOTED FROM SECOND DIVISION

Coventry seeking support against proposed elite system

By Mark Souster

COVENTRY are to seek an emergency meeting of all second-division clubs to oppose proposals to halve the number of promotion places to the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. They feel the plan — being suggested by Saracens — would disenfranchise smaller clubs and effectively create a closed shop of the wealthy elite.

Mike Smith, the chief executive of Saracens, believes only one club should automatically be promoted — with one play-off place and only then if they meet strict new criteria regarding their stadium facilities and financial affairs. In a letter to directors of English First Division Rugby, English Rugby Partnership and seven of the leading owners, including Sir John Hall, Smith said the present system, which means up to four sides — a third of the league — can be relegated from the Premiership first division, adds a substantial risk to long-term investors.

"Many other sports have a regulation stating clubs must fit a certain criteria, even if they win the league, to gain promotion. Why are we different?" Smith, who is seeking the backing of senior clubs, said.

He said: "At a time of the greatest long-term investment by owners into rugby ever seen it can make no sense to add a further substantial risk that could fall in the middle of the investment programme."

Steve Ginn, the general manager of Coventry, is among those who question the motive behind the proposals which could not come into force before the 1998-99 season and which would have to be agreed by all 24 Premiership clubs and the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

"There is nothing wrong in high standards but there is no quick fix in professional rugby. We have a three- or four-year development programme here and we would be unhappy if the first division kept us out just because we did not fit into their time scale. We and a lot of other strong, popular second-division clubs would be disenfranchised. We are recommending English Second Division Rugby (ESDR) convenes as soon as possible. This subject warrants a single session with one item on the agenda. There is not a day to be lost," he said.

Robin Foster, the chairman of ESDR, agreed the plan could be interpreted as a "carve-up". "That is the last thing we want. If it were put in place it would make the rich richer. It may sound like sabre rattling but they have a long way to go to get it accepted," he said.

While there is merit in ensuring standards are raised to attract more spectators — football crowds for instance have risen by more than a third after the Taylor Report — there is little doubt that the first-division clubs are motivated purely by self-interest. Only last season they agreed to the present system of two up, two down, with two play-off places, to ensure that the second-division clubs sided with them in their dispute with the RFU.

☐ Meanwhile Smith said the top clubs would not take part in the new knock out cup which is to be sponsored by Carlsberg-Tetley in a three-year contract worth £5.2 million. Smith said the clubs were unhappy that the RFU did not consult them about the sponsorship and wanted clarification over the terms before agreeing to participate.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hamed returns after three-year absence

NASEEM HAMED boxes in Sheffield, his home town, for the first time in three years when he defends his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title on October 11 (Srikumar Sen writes). No opponent has yet been chosen for Hamed but he will appear at the Sheffield Arena, where he will head a programme of three world title bouts. Hamed last boxed in his home town on October 12, 1994, when he lifted the World Boxing Council international super-bantamweight title. After that he moved up a division to take the WBO featherweight title from Steve Robinson, of Wales.

On the same bill, Ryan Rhodes, the unbeaten British light-middleweight champion from Sheffield, gets his chance to become a world champion when he moves up to middleweight to face Otis Grant, of Canada. Steve Collins, the WBO super-middleweight champion from Ireland, defends his belt against Joe Calzaghe, the unbeaten Welshman.

Storm force draw

ICE HOCKEY: The season started with just two games in group A of the Benson and Hedges Cup at the weekend. Manchester Storm, who struggled last season, drew 2-2 with Sheffield Steelers, who were indebted to Jamie Hibbert, their goaltender, for making no less than 49 saves. Jeff Tomlinson and Rick Judson scored for the Storm, with Scott Allison and Andre Malo replying for Sheffield. In the other fixture, Paisley Pirates beat Telford Tigers 7-2, with Paul Hand and Dean Edmiston each scoring twice. But for Gavin Armstrong, their overworked goaltender, Telford would have lost by a much wider margin.

Blundell signs deal

MOTOR RACING: Mark Blundell, from Britain, one of the leading drivers in the IndyCar series, has agreed a two-year deal with his PacWest Racing team. Blundell switched from the McLaren Formula One team to IndyCar in 1996. This year he has been one of the top drivers in the championship, scoring his first victory at Portland and following up with a win at Toronto and a second place at the US500 in Michigan. Blundell said: "The racing is some of the biggest in the world — it's all-out, heel-to-wheel, close competition."

Running costs

ATHLETICS: The British Athletic Federation (BAF) was thrown a financial lifeline yesterday. It has been promised £90,000 by the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) of England, provided that the money is specifically targeted for development, including coaching, in England. The AAA has reserves of more than £1 million and has agreed to pay the BAF £45,000 per month, initially for two months, while the bodies discuss how they "can take advantage of the funding opportunities available to the sport".

Halls caps long run

HOCKEY: Julian Halls is poised to make his 130th international appearance for England at the weekend. England are playing two matches against Spain — in Barcelona and Terrassa — and the team is likely to be unchanged, apart from Jimmi Lewis, who replaces the second goalkeeper, David Luckes. Halls, the 30-year-old Old Loughtonian defender, won his 129th cap in the 4-3 defeat by Australia at the weekend.

Romania leap ahead

GYMNASTICS: Inspired by Gina Gogean, Romania led the qualifying competition at the world championships in Lausanne yesterday. Ukraine, despite the loss of two of its top competitors, including the Olympic all-round and floor champion, Lilia Podkopayeva, were holding second place. With Russia and China still to compete, Romania, Ukraine and France appeared likely to reach the team finals on Thursday. The United States also have a chance.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

Nationwide League

First division

* Crewe v Bury (7.45)
Huddersfield v Bradford (7.45)
Ipswich v Swindon (7.45)
Portsmouth v Norwich (7.45)
Reading v QPR (7.45)
Stockport v Middlesbrough
Sunderland v Oxford Utd (7.45)
Tranmere v Birmingham (7.45)

Second division

Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Brentford v Gillingham (7.45)
Bristol City v Fulham (7.45)
Burnley v Oldham (7.45)
Carlisle v Wigan (7.45)
Luton v Millwall (7.45)
Plymouth v Watford (7.45)
Preston v Grimsby (7.45)
Walsall v Northampton (7.45)
Wrexham v Blackpool
Wycombe v Southend (7.45)
York v Chesterfield (7.45)

Third division

Barnet v Swansea (7.45)
Cambridge Utd v Colchester (7.45)
Cardiff v Shrewsbury
Darlington v Scarborough
Doncaster v Leyton Orient
Hartlepool v Notts County
Hull v Rotherham
Lincoln v Mansfield (7.45)
Rochdale v Macclesfield (7.45)
Scunthorpe v Chester
Torquay v Exeter (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference

Leek v Hereford (7.45)
Slough v Rushden and Diamonds (7.45)
Telford v Halifax (7.45)
Welling v Kettering (7.45)

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup

Third round

Queen Of South v Airdrie

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton Albion v Halesowen, Cambridge City v Sittingbourne; Crawley v St Leonards; Hastings v Ashford; King's Lynn v Nuneaton (7.45); Merthyr v Bath; Rothwell v Atherstone (7.45). Midland division: Evesham v Redditch; Grantham v V S Rugby; Hinckley United v Bedworth; Ilkeston v Bilston; Stourbridge v Moor Green; Sutton Coldfield Town v Stafford. Southern division: Cirencester Town v Witney; Fisher London v Fareham; Margate v Erith and Belvedere; Tonbridge Angels v Waterlooville; Trowbridge v Clevedon; Weymouth v Newport (IoW). League Cup: Preliminary round, first leg: Tamworth v Gresley

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Runcorn, Altrincham v Blyth Spartans, Chorley v Barrow; Colwyn Bay v Winsford; Guiseley v Boston; Lancaster v Spennymoor; Leigh RMI v Radcliffe; Marine v Bamber Bridge. First division: Belper Town v Worksop, Buxton v Albion; Congleton v Ashton United, Droylsden v Farsley Celtic; Flixton v Gretna, Great Harwood v Workington; Harrogate Town v Whitley Bay; Matlock Town v Eastwood Town; Netherfield v Whitby

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Chesham, Bishop's Stortford v Oxford City (7.45); Bromley v Hendon (7.45) Carshalton v Dulwich; Harrow v Sutton United; Heybridge v Boreham Wood. Hitchin v Yeading. St Albans v Kingstonian. First division: Barton Rovers v Wembley; Billericay v Romford; Leatherhead v Chertsey; Maidenhead v Bognor Regis; Staines v Abingdon Town, Uxbridge v Berkhamsted; Whyteleafe v Grays; Wokingham v Leyton Pennant. Second division: Bracknell v Barking; Braintree v Witham. Chalfont St Peter v Wealdstone, Edgware v Hungerford; Leighton Town v Egham; Marlow v Horsham; Tilbury v Northwood; Wivenhoe v Canvey Island. Third division: Dorking v Hertford; Flackwell Heath v Ford. Lewes v Hornchurch, Tring v Harlow. Ware v East Thurrock.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Wimbledon (2.0); Crystal Palace v West Ham (at Plough Lane, 2.0).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield Wednesday v Stoke (7.0). First division: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Bradford v Sheffield United (7.0)

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Flint Town.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Linfield v Portadown (at The Oval, Belfast).

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham v Faversham; Deal v Folkestone Invicta; Herne Bay v Ramsgate; Thamesmead v Greenwich

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Burgess Hill; Redhill v Selsey

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v G P T (Coventry); Highgate v Wellesbourne; Massey Ferguson v Kings Heath.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Nantwich Town; Blackpool Rovers v Maine Road; Burscough v Darwen; Glossop North End v Chadderton, Haslingden v Vauxhall G M, Holker Old Boys v Mossley; Newcastle Town v Atherton Collieries; Salford v Prescot Cables, Warrington v Ramsbottom.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ely v Sudbury, Felixstowe Port and v Harwich and Parkeston, Great Yarmouth v Fakenham, Halstead v Clacton, Histon v Soham, Lowestoft v Gorleston; Stowmarket v Woodbridge Town; Sudbury v Tiptree; Warboys v Newmarket; Watton v Bury Town; Wroxham v Diss.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v Ryde Sports; Afc Newbury v Romsey; Andover v Bournemouth; B A T v East Cowes; Bemerton Heath v Gosport; Christchurch v Brockenhurst; Portsmouth v Cowes Sports, Wimborne v Aerostructures.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Curzon Ashton v Glasshoughton Welfare; Hucknall Town v Arnold

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Brandon v Billingham; Ossett Town v Seaham Red Star; Ossett Albion v Pontefract Collieries, Whitley Bay v Kidsgrove, Chadderton v Netherfield; Darwen v Congleton, Glossop North End v Belper Town, Thackley v Eccleshill; Armthorpe Welfare v Harrogate Town; W Mid Police v Rocester, Ely v Stafford; Stamford v Newmarket; Warboys v Northampton Spencer; Dorking v Whitstable Town; Burnham v Egham; Ware v Redhill; Viking Sports v Milton Keynes; Deal v Witham, Shoreham v Royston; Arundel v Hornchurch; Saltdean v Thamesmead; Devizes v Abingdon Town; Thame v Fleet T.

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Aldershot Town v Reading Town, Oxford City v Eastleigh; Forest Green v Gloucester. Morecambe v Ilkeston.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, first day of four, 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Warwickshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Worcestershire

10.15, first day of four, 104 overs minimum

CANTERBURY: Kent v Gloucestershire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Birmingham: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire; Castleford: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Atlantic Rim world championship (at Llandrindod Wells)

SPEEDWAY: Amateur League: St Austell v Mildenhall (7.0)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Minnesota 34 Buffalo 13, Cincinnati 24 Arizona 21; Detroit 28 Atlanta 17; Miami 16 Indianapolis 10, New England 41 San Diego 7, New York Giants 31 Philadelphia 17; Dallas 37 Pittsburgh 7; St Louis 38 New Orleans 24; Tennessee 24 Oakland 21 (OT); Jacksonville 28 Baltimore 27; Denver 19 Kansas City 3; New York Jets 41 Seattle 3; Tampa Bay 13 San Francisco 6; Washington 24 Carolina 10.

BASEBALL

INTER-LEAGUE GAMES: Cleveland 9 Chicago Cubs 5; Detroit 2 Philadelphia 1; Florida 8 Toronto 3; New York Mets 4 Baltimore 1; New York Yankees 3 Montreal 2. Chicago White Sox 3 Houston 1, St Louis 5 Kansas City 4; Milwaukee 3 Pittsburgh 2; Minnesota 8 Cincinnati 6; Colorado 10 Oakland 4, Seattle 3 Los Angeles 1 (10inn); San Diego 5 Texas 3; Anaheim 7 San Francisco 4; Atlanta 7 Boston 3

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (WNBA): Houston Comets 65 New York Liberty 51

BOWLS

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Atlantic Rim championships: Ninth round: Singles: Israel (C Prager) bt Argentina (M Cabrera) 25-17; Ireland (M Johnston) bt Canada (On-Kow Au) 25-21; England (M Price) bt Guernsey (A Simon) 25-16, Jersey (K Horman) bt United States (M De Lisle) 25-13; Spain (C Toloman) bt Nabia (J Joubert) 25-13; South Africa (J Peacock) bt Holland (D van Deun) 25-7; Wales (V Morgan) bt Scotland (J Lindores) 25-7. Fours: Israel bt Argentina 23-15, Ireland (I Minnis, D Kane, P Smith, P Nolan) bt Canada 20-17, Guernsey (B Hurford, J Simon, A Merrien, P Harding) bt England (G Fitzgerald, S Page, K Hawes, J Baker) 18-16; Jersey (A Birch, J Jones, J Lowery, S Syvret) bt United States 20-16, Namibia bt Spain 30-9; South Africa bt Holland 46-5, Wales (K Pearce, S Mansbridge; N Shipperlee, R Jones) bt Scotland (K Houston, S Kelly, J Maxwell, S Gourlay) 30-9. Tenth round: Singles: Ireland bt Argentina 25-19, Canada bt Guernsey 25-13, Wales bt England 25-18; United States bt Israel 25-14, Jersey bt Spain 25-23; South Africa bt Namibia 25-11; Scotland bt Holland 25-4. Fours: Ireland bt Argentina 19-18; Canada bt Guernsey 19-12; England bt Wales 20-15, Israel bt United States 24-12; Jersey bt Spain 21-15; South Africa bt Namibia 37-9; Holland bt Scotland 17-15. Eleventh round: Singles: Guernsey bt Argentina 25-21; England bt Canada 25-19; Ireland bt United States 25-20; Spain bt Israel 25-18; Jersey bt South Africa 25-24, Namibia bt Scotland 25-24; Wales bt Holland 25-4. Fours: Guernsey bt Argentina 36-20, England bt Canada) 22-14; Ireland bt United States 21-19, Israel bt Spain 20-15; Jersey bt South Africa 20-10; Scotland bt Namibia 21-15; Wales bt Holland 25-9. Twelfth round: Singles: England bt Argentina 25-19; Wales bt Canada 25-10; Guernsey bt United States 25-18; Ireland bt Spain 25-13; South Africa bt Israel 25-4; Scotland bt Jersey 25-19; Namibia bt Holland 25-8. Fours: Argentina bt England 26-8; Wales bt Canada 20-14, Guernsey bt United States 26-13. Ireland bt Spain 22-21; South Africa bt Israel 15-14; Scotland bt Jersey 22-17; Namibia bt Holland 35-10.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Instow: Cornwall 191-6 (J P Kent 72; R G Furse 50 not out) v Devon. Dean Park, Bournemouth: Dorset 234-8 (J E Hardy 102; D S Small 4-62) Wiltshire 128 (J H Shackleton 4-20) and 17-0. Jesmond: Bedfordshire 118-2 v Northumberland. Marlow: Hertfordshire 169 (M R Evans 57) and 25-1 Buckinghamshire 225-6 (J C Harrison 67 not out; P R Sawyer 58). Lincoln Lindum: Norfolk 176-6 (C J Rogers 82) v Lincolnshire. Ransomes, Ipswich: Suffolk 195-9 (P J Caley 103) Cambridgeshire 229-7 (J S G Norman 93; S A Kellett 58). No play: Shifnal: Shropshire v Cheshire. Kington: Hereford v Oxfordshire. Colwyn Bay: Wales v Berkshire. Longton: Staffordshire v Cumberland

CYCLING

PERTH, Australia: World track championships: Men: Sprint: Final: F Rousseau France 2 (10.882sec, 11.156) bt J Fiedler (Ger) 0. Bronze medal: D Hill (Aus) 2 (10.991, 10.927) bt E Pokorny (Ger) 0. 40km points race (revised result). 1, S Martinello (It) 37pts; 2, B Risi (Switz) 16; 3, J Llaneras (Sp) 15; 4, P Ermenault (Fr) 14; 5, J Curuchet (Arg) 12; 6, F Stocher (Austria) 3. Women: 3,000m individual pursuit: Semi-finals: N Karimova (Russ) 3min 37.621sec bt L Tyler-Sharman (Aus) 3:40.006, J Arndt (Ger) 3:37.288 bt Y McGregor (GB) 3:38.528. Final: Arndt 3m38.730 bt Karimova. Bronze medal: McGregor won on best losing semi-final time.

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

FA CUP: Preliminary round: Hebburn 0 Garforth 5; Heanor 1 Salford 2; Littlehampton 6 Southend Manor 2; Sheppey 2 Windsor and Eton 3; Chatham 0 Banstead 7

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Havant 5 Baldock 3

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cork 3 Dundalk 0; Shelbourne 2 Kilkenny 1, UCD 0 Shamrock 3.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Sampdoria 2 Vicenza 1

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 3 Real Sociedad 0; Athletic Bilbao 1 Español 3, Majorca 2 Valencia 1; Compostela 2 Sporting Gijón 0; Celta Vigo 2 Real Zaragoza 1; Oviedo 2 Merida 0; Racing Santander 1 Salamanca 0, Tenerife 0 Deportivo La Coruña 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Leca 1 Maritimo 1; Campomaiorense 0 Salgueiros 0; Braga 2 Farense 2; Academica 2 Boavista 0; Amadora 0 Varzim 0; Setubal 1 Benfica 0; Sporting Lisbon 2 Chaves 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 3 Huracan 2, Platense 2 Boca Juniors 2; Estudiantes de la Plata 2 Gimnasia y Esgrima 2; Colon 2 Ferrocarril Oeste 2; River Plate 1 Rosario Central 3; Argentinos Juniors 1 Lanus 0; Velez Sarsfield 2 Gimnasia y Tiro 1; Newell's Old Boys 3 Union Santa Fe 0, San Lorenzo 3 Racing Club 2

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Palmeiras 0 Criciuma 1; Sport Recife 2 Vasco da Gama 3; Fluminense 1 Santos 0; Portuguesa 5 Guarani 0; Corinthians 0 São Paulo 1, Internacional 1 Atlético Mineiro 1; Parana 1 Juventude 2; Uniao São Joao 0 Coritiba 1; Bragantino 3 Atletico Paranaense 2, Flamengo 0 Botafogo 0; Vitoria 1 Gremio 1; Cruzeiro 3 Bahia 1; America-Natal 1 Goias 0.

GOLF

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin: Greater Milwaukee Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 268: S Hoch 70, 66, 66, 66. 269: L Roberts 67, 69, 67, 66; D Sutherland 70, 65, 65, 69. 270: T Pernice 68, 69, 64, 69. 271: C Rose 67, 66, 71, 76; L Rinker 68, 69, 66, 68. F Allem (SA) 67, 69, 64, 71. 272: R Black 70, 68, 70, 64. F Lickliter 67, 71, 68, 66; B Glasson 66, 71, 68, 67; J Kelly 71, 68, 66, 69. 273: J Haas 70, 70, 69, 64; S Stricker 70, 66, 71, 66; B Fabel 70, 66, 71, 66; B Estes 68, 70, 69, 66; C Smith 68, 69, 69, 67, S Cink 70, 68, 68, 67. K Green 70, 68, 64, 71; S Kendall 69, 69, 64, 71. 274: A Mednick (Swe) 67, 69, 70, 68

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois: State Farm Rail Classic: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 132: C Figg-Currier 69, 63. 133: K Williams 69, 64. 134: K Marshall (GB) 72, 62; J Crafter (Aus) 67, 67, S Steinhauer 65, 69. 135: D Andrews 69, 66; K Weiss 67, 68, L Kane 67, 68. L Hackney 70, 66; M McGann 69, 67, S Maynor 69, 67, K Tschetter 68, 68; N Lopez 68, 68; P Dunlap 67, 69; J Murdock 67, 69; D Dormann 65, 71

MIDWAY, Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh Senior Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 206: H Baiocchi (SA) 70, 70, 66; B Duval 68, 68, 70 (Baiocchi won on sixth extra hole). 207: W Morgan 69, 72, 66. Other scores: 209: V Fernandez (Sp) 72, 68, 69. 211: D Graham (Aus) 70, 68, 73; B Barnes (GB) 71, 72, 69. 215: I Aoki (Japan) 74, 71, 70. 217: A Jacklin (GB) 70, 75, 72. 218: G Marsh (Aus) 71, 78, 69. 223: A Palmer 76, 74, 73.

GOODWOOD PARK: Motor Seniors Classic: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 208: I Richardson 70, 67, 71. 209: E Polland 66, 70, 73, D Simon (US) 67, 73, 69. 210: N Ratcliffe (Aus) 70, 71, 69, J Morgan 72, 68, 70. 211: R Campagnoli (It) 73, 69, 69; D Jones 74, 69, 68, N Wood 72, 69, 70. 212: T Britz (SA) 70, 73, 69; M Bembridge 72, 70, 70. 213: J M Roca (Sp) 73, 69, 71; A O'Connor 74, 68, 71, D Creamer 70, 73, 70; T Gale (Aus) 71, 71, 71, M McCrorie 72, 70, 71, H Inggs (SA) 73, 68, 72; B Waites 72, 69, 72. 214: G Parkhill 72, 71, 71; J Fourie (SA) 72, 72, 70; J Garner 73, 71, 70; M Gregson 72, 73, 69

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Paisley Pirates 7 Telford Tigers 2; Manchester Storm 2 Sheffield Steelers 2

MOTOR RACING

VANCOUVER, British Columbia: Vancouver Molson-Indy race: 1, M Gugelmin (Br, Reynard-Mercedes) 100 laps. 2, J Vasser (US, Reynard-Honda), 3, G de Ferran (Br, Reynard-Honda), 4, A Zanardi (It, Reynard-Honda); 5, A Unser Jr (US, Penske-Mercedes); 6, R Boesel (Br, Reynard-Ford). 7, M Blundell (GB, Reynard-Mercedes); 13, D Franchitti (GB, Reynard-Mercedes) 95 laps completed

MOTOR RALLYING

JYVASKYLA, Finland: Rally Finland: Final stage: 1, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 3hr 16min 18sec; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin, Ford Escort) at 7sec; 3, J Kytolehto (Fin, Ford Escort) 2min 0sec; 4, S Lindholm (Fin, Ford Escort) 2:35; 5, T Jansson (Swe, Toyota Celica) 4:54. World championship positions: Drivers: 1, Makinen (Fin) 52pts; 2, C Sainz (Sp) 34; 3, C McRae (GB) 32. Constructors: 1, Subaru 74; 2, Mitsubishi 66; 3, Ford 61

ROWING

AIGUEBELETTE, France: World championships: Men: Coxed fours (winners to final, others to repechages): Heat one: 1, France 6min 11.83sec. Heat two: 1, Italy 6:14.05; 2, Great Britain (M Johnson, E Coode, G McAdams, S Trapmore) 6:24.14. Quadruple sculls (winners to semi-finals, others to repechage): Heat one: 1, Italy 5:47.17. Heat two: 1, Holland 5:44.44. Heat three: 1, France, 5:44.45. Eights (Winners to final, rest to repechage) Heat one: 1, Romania 5.31.35, 2, Great Britain 5.32.33. Heat two: 1, Australia, 5:34.10. Lightweight double sculls (winners to semi-finals, others to repechage): Heat one: 1, M Gier and M Gier (Switz) 6:21.16; 4, T Bedingfield and M Beechey (GB) 6:36.97. Heat two: 1, I Euler and B Ruhling (Ger) 6:20.95; 6, N Monahan and G Towey (Ire) 6:40.94. Heat three: 1, L Pettinari and M Crispi (It) 6:20.49. Heat four: 1, T Kucharski and R Sycz (Pol) 6:19.54. Lightweight coxless pairs (winners to semi-finals, others to repechage): Heat one: 1, N Maxwell and A O'Connor (Ire) 6:40.48. Heat two: 1, J Kollat-Jensen and J Ovil Nielsen (Den) 6:49.93. 4, A Tucker and M Louzado (GB) 6:57.40. Heat three: 1, M Binder and B Schmidt (Switz) 6:47.52. Lightweight coxless fours (winners to final, others to repechage). Heat one: 1, Denmark 6:00.73; 5, Great Britain (A Butt, I Watson, N Strange and J Williamson) 6:07.10. Heat two: 1, France 5.58.54. Lightweight quadruple sculls (winners to semi-finals, others to repechage): Heat one: 1, Ireland (J Armstrong, B Dolan, N Byrne and E O'Brien) 6.03.65. Heat two: 1, Italy 5.59.48. Women: Quadruple sculls (winners to final; rest to repechage): Heat one: 1, Russia 6:22.81. Heat two: 1, Germany 6:24.86. Eights (winner to final, rest to repechage) Heat one: 1, Romania 6.05.74, 3, Great Britain 6:11.09. Heat two: 1, United States 6:10.74. Lightweight double sculls (first three to semi-finals, others to repechage) Heat one: 1, Michelle Darvill and Aangelika Brand (Ger) 7:03.00, 2, C Fernandez and M Lamotte (Fr) 7:05.84, 3, T Bell and W Post (US) 7:06.12. Heat two: 1, R Starr and T Duncan (Can) 7:06.16, 2, E Meliesie and A Bogstra (Holl) 7:09.30, 3, S Birch and T Langlands (GB) 7:11.30. Heat three: 1, A Tamas and C Macoviciuc (Rom) 7:02.40; 2, A Helleberg and L Anderson (Den) 7:05.00, 3, E Mirones and B Gonzalez (Spa) 7:16.01. Lightweight quadruple sculls (winners to semi-finals, others to repechage) Heat one: 1, Germany 6:43.35; 2, Great Britain (N Dale, J Nitsch, R Morris and S Watts) 6:45.84. Heat two: 1, Canada 6:45.03

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: London Broncos 28 Bradford Bulls 24

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	22	20	0	2	769	397	40
London	22	15	3	4	616	418	33
St Helens	22	14	1	7	592	506	29
Wigan	22	14	0	8	683	398	28
Leeds	22	13	1	8	544	463	27
Salford	22	11	0	11	428	495	22
Halifax	22	8	2	12	524	549	18
Sheffield	22	9	0	13	415	574	18
Warrington	22	8	0	14	437	647	16
Castleford	22	5	2	15	334	515	12
Paris	22	6	0	16	362	572	12
Oldham	22	4	1	17	461	631	9

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Elimination semi-final: Penrith Panthers 15 Canterbury Bulldogs 14

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National Pyramid pistol championships: Free pistol: 1, B Smith 648.2pts, 2, P Leatherdale, 644.7; 3, M Gault, 641.7. Standard pistol: 1, D Levene, 565, 2, P Flippant, 562/134, 3, R Duckworth, 562/128. Centre fire: 1, R Hale, 574; 2, Flippant, 570; 3, Duckworth, 566. Rapid fire: 1, P Clark, 663.0; 2, H Hunter, 662.6; 3, D Werner, 600.3. Air pistol: 1, N Baxter, 676.8; 2, Flippant, 669.8; 3, Leatherdale, 660.5. Women: Sport pistol: 1, C Benest, 668.8, 2, L Elsworth, 654.2; 3, B Barber, 645.7.

TENNIS

FLUSHING MEADOWS: United States Open: Men: Singles: Third round: M Rios (10), Chile) bt T Haas (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-4, M Chang (US) bt S Sargsian (Arm) 6-1, 6-3, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-1, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-4, M Larsson (Swe) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. W Ferreira (SA) bt J Gimelstob (US) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-0. Fourth round: G Rusedski (GB) bt D Vacek (Cz) 7-6, 6-2, 6-2. Doubles: Second round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) Republic bt P Fredriksson (Swe) and T van Houdt (Bel) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, J Bjorkman and N Kulti (Swe) bt B Haark and N Overholser (US) 6-2, 6-1. Third round: J-L de Jager and R Koenig (SA) bt D Randall and J Waite (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; J Novak and D Rikl (Cz) bt T Kronemann (US) and D Macpherson (Aus) 6-4, 7-5; G Ivanisevic (Cro) and C Suk (Cz) bt M Damm (Cz) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt G Connell and D Nestor (Can) 7-6, 6-1. Women: Singles: Fourth round: V Williams (US) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-2, 6-3, M Seles (US) bt M Pierce (Fr) 1-6, 6-2, 6-2; S Testud (Fr) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; I Spirlea (Rom) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-6, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt M J Fernandez (US) 7-5, 6-4; L Davenport (US) bt M Serna (Sp) 6-0, 6-3, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt R McQuillan (Aus) 6-1, 6-2. Doubles: Second round: L Raymond (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi-Stunkel (US) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; M J Fernandez (US) and A Huber (Ger) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) and P Suarez (Arg) 6-2, 6-4, L Davenport (US) and J Novotna (Cz) bt A Dechaume-Balleret and S Testud (Fr) 7-6, 6-2. Mixed doubles: Second round: E Likhovtseva (Russ) and J Tarango (US) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and M Oosting (Holl) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2

SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Life League

Essex v Warwickshire

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Essex by 147 runs

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight lbw b Cowan	12
*N M K Smith c Cowan b Cousins	57
D R Brown c Rollins b Such	35
D L Hemp not out	70
D P Ostler c and b Grayson	29
T L Penney c Rollins b Cowan	10
G Welch not out	27
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	255

A F Giles, †K J Piper, G C Small and A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-93, 3-150, 4-192, 5-215

BOWLING: Cowan 7-0-52-2, Ilott 7-0-53-0 Cousins 8-0-42-1, Grayson 6-0-40-1; Such 8-0-30-1, S G Law 4-0-28-0.

ESSEX

D D J Robinson c Smith b Small	29
S G Law b Welch	18
*N Hussain c Piper b Small	19
A P Grayson c Smith b Small	9
†R J Rollins b Donald	11
D R Law b Donald	1
T P Hodgson run out	12
A P Cowan c Piper b Donald	3
M C Ilott lbw b Donald	0
D M Cousins c Piper b Donald	1
P M Such not out	0
Extras (w 5)	5
Total (28.5 overs)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-62, 3-76, 4-79, 5-83, 6-92, 7-98, 8-102, 9-108

BOWLING: Welch 6-0-19-1; Brown 5-0-24-0; Small 8-1-30-3, Giles 4-0-25-0, Donald 5.5-1-10-5.

Umpires: J D Bond and J F Steele

Hampshire v Kent

PORTSMOUTH (Hampshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney c Smith b Ealham	29
M L Hayden c Wells b Fleming	18
R A Smith b Thompson	35
M Keech run out	26
S D Udal lbw b Strang	7
*J P Stephenson c Headley b Strang	18
G W White lbw b Fleming	19
S J Renshaw c Smith b Ealham	2
†A N Aymes run out	2
L Savident not out	7
S M Milburn b Fleming	0
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 6)	12
Total (39.2 overs)	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-58, 3-104, 4-123, 5-125, 6-162, 7-165, 8-165, 9-169.

BOWLING: Headley 8-0-33-0; Thompson 8-0-48-1; Fleming 7.2-1-14-3, Ealham 8-1-24-2; Strang 8-0-50-2

KENT

T R Ward b Savident	21
E T Smith not out	72
A P Wells c Laney b Udal	11
G R Cowdrey st Aymes b Udal	19
M A Ealham b Milburn	23
M V Fleming not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 7, nb 6)	23
Total (4 wkts, 37.4 overs)	179

P A Strang, *†S A Marsh, N J Llong, J B D Thompson and D W Headley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-81, 3-106, 4-152.

BOWLING: Milburn 8-0-38-1, Renshaw 6.4-0-33-0, Savident 7-0-33-1, Stephenson 8-0-34-0, Udal 8-1-31-2

Umpires: A Clarkson and D J Constant

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Yorkshire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 31 runs

LANCASHIRE

J P Crawley c and b White	17
N H Fairbrother c Blakey b Silverwood	7
G D Lloyd c Blakey b Morris	2
I D Austin c Blakey b Silverwood	6
*M Watkinson c McGrath b White	11
†W K Hegg not out	31
M A Atherton b Hartley	7
G Yates not out	6
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2)	6
Total (6 wkts, 10 overs)	93

G Chapple, P J Martin and R J Green did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-23, 3-34, 4-48, 5-48, 6-63

BOWLING: Hamilton 2-0-25-0, Silverwood 2-0-12-2, Morris 2-0-10-1; White 2-0-22-2, Hartley 2-0-22-1

YORKSHIRE

M P Vaughan c Hegg b Chapple	16
C White b Austin	2
D S Lehmann c Chapple b Green	11
*D Byas st Hegg b Yates	0
A McGrath c Atherton b Green	5
B Parker c Watkinson b Green	0
†R J Blakey st Hegg b Yates	2
A C Morris not out	4
P J Hartley b Martin	5
G M Hamilton not out	9
Extras (lb 3, w 5)	8
Total (8 wkts, 10 overs)	62

C E W Silverwood did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-24, 3-27, 4-41, 5-41, 6-42, 7-43, 8-50

BOWLING: Martin 2-0-13-1, Green 2-0-18-3, Chapple 2-0-14-1; Austin 2-0-9-1, Yates 2-0-6-2

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Warwicks (4)	16	12	4	0	0	48	15.67
Kent (10)	15	11	3	0	1	46	7.55
Lancashire (9)	15	9	3	1	2	42	3.34
Leics (12)	15	8	4	1	2	38	4.71
Essex (17)	15	8	5	1	1	36	-2.82
Gloucs (16)	15	7	4	0	4	36	6.39
Worcs (8)	15	7	5	1	2	34	6.97
Surrey (1)	15	7	5	0	3	34	-0.98
Yorkshire (3)	15	7	6	1	1	32	5.36
Somerset (5)	15	7	6	0	2	32	3.21
Notts (2)	15	6	6	0	3	30	-0.40
Northants (6)	14	5	6	0	3	26	0.20
Glam'gan (13)	15	5	7	0	3	28	-2.50
Derbyshire (11)	15	3	8	0	4	20	-5.27
Hampshire (15)	15	4	10	0	1	18	-5.41
Middlesex (7)	15	2	9	1	3	16	-9.23
Durham (18)	14	3	10	0	1	14	-10.34
Sussex (14)	16	2	12	0	2	12	-18.01

(1996 positions in brackets)

NatWest Under-19 third international

England Under-19 v Zimbabwe Under-19

CANTERBURY (final day of four): England Under-19 beat Zimbabwe Under-19 by four wickets

ZIMBABWE UNDER-19: First Innings 146 (P J Franks 5 for 66)

Second Innings 255 (D A Marillier 82; C Schofield 4 for 60)

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 176 (D Mutendera 4 for 51).

Second Innings

S D Peters c Englebrecht b Nkala	7
R W T Key c McCoun b Hoffman	50
G R Napier c Delport b Nkala	9
G P Swann c Hoffman b Mutendera	10
*Z C Morris lbw b Nkala	21
J C Powell c Englebrecht b Hoffman	16
A W Laraman not out	56
†C R M Reed not out	20
Extras (b 9, lb 5, w 7, nb 16)	37
Total (6 wkts)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-41, 3-54, 4-83, 5-117, 6-123

BOWLING: Mutendera 13-0-57-1; Nkala 16-4-49-3, Steyn 10-0-55-0; Hoffman 10-6-12-2; McCoun 2-0-9-0; Englebrecht 5-1-13-0, Erasmus 2.2-0-17-0

Umpires: G Sharp and P Willey

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CRICKET

Surrey face battles on and off the pitch

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

SURREY'S influence on cricketing matters will be felt on both sides of the capital today.

At the Oval, their players will continue to mount a late bid for the championship title against the joint-leaders, Glamorgan, while over the river at Lord's their delegates will argue for a still more radical restructuring of the county system.

Improbable though it may have seemed in recent times, they could succeed on both counts. After floundering through early summer in a pitiful fashion for a side of such talent, Surrey now have their title prospects in their own hands, while the club's long-held view that the competition must be split into two divisions is gaining support by the week.

The latter issue will be aired today at a special meeting of the First Class Forum of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), which was requested by six counties in order that the proposals of the strategic report, *Raising the Standard*, may be debated and, possibly, amended.

The counties were given until August 27 to put their counter-proposals in writing. Surrey, I understand, have formalised their backing for a two-division system and believe they have the support of half the other counties.

There will be sticking-points, notably the method and time-span for seeding the counties and whether central funds will be distributed equally in the future. The climate of change has been created by the initial proposals, however, and it will be a triumph for the Board if previously conservative counties were won over to the most extreme and effective way of toughening attitudes through incentives.

A meeting of the ECB management board will follow immediately after the discussions and amendments, likely to be announced tomorrow, can then be put to the vote at the previously scheduled Board meeting on September 15.

By then the crowded championship race will have one round left to run and the key fixture could be the meeting of Kent and Surrey at Canterbury. While Kent have been among the leaders for many weeks, Surrey have climbed dramatically after winning five of their past seven matches. To sustain their pursuit, however, they must win against Glamorgan.

If the pitch at the Oval turns, as it did for the recent Test match, there could be a fascinating battle of spin between Ian Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq for Surrey, and Robert Croft and Dean Cosker for the visitors.

This is likely to be Saqlain's final match for Surrey as Pakistan insist he must rejoin them at the weekend for a spurious one-day event in Toronto. He could be re-signed for next season but the club, whose cricket committee met last night, is more inclined towards a batsman and will weigh up a batch of Australians, including Matthew Elliott, Greg Blewett and Michael Bevan.

Within the programme of matches this week, six of the seven title contenders are playing each other. Only Middlesex, who may yet come to rue their four-run defeat against Kent last month, play a club that is not involved. They travel to meet Somerset.

Worcestershire, thrashed by Middlesex on Saturday and now rank outsiders, are at Headingley to play Yorkshire, who are five points above them and bridling over the leaking covers at Old Trafford.

The match of the day, however, is at Canterbury, where Kent and Gloucestershire, first and third at present, lock horns. Ten points separate them and Gloucestershire, who dare not lose, may include Dickie Davis, the left-arm spinner, against one of his former counties.

TOP SEVEN

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Kent (4)	14	6	4	4	36	48	197
Glamorgan (10)	14	6	2	6	38	45	197
Gloucs (13)	14	6	4	4	31	48	187
Yorkshire (6)	14	5	2	7	32	47	180
Middlesex (9)	14	6	4	4	28	44	178
Surrey (3)	14	5	3	6	36	43	177
Worcs (7)	14	4	2	8	38	44	175

REMAINING FIXTURES

KENT: Today: Gloucestershire (Canterbury). Sept 10: Yorkshire (Headingley). Sept 18: Surrey (Canterbury).

GLAMORGAN: Today: Surrey (the Oval). Sept 10: Essex (Cardiff). Sept 18: Somerset (Taunton).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Today: Kent (Canterbury). Sept 10: Warwickshire (Edgbaston). Sept 18: Lancashire (Bristol).

YORKSHIRE: Today: Worcestershire (Headingley). Sept 10: Kent (Headingley). Sept 18: Derbyshire (Derby).

MIDDLESEX: Today: Somerset (Taunton). Sept 10: Nottinghamshire (Lord's). Sept 18: Essex (Chelmsford).

SURREY: Today: Glamorgan (the Oval). Sept 10: Lancashire (the Oval). Sept 18: Kent (Canterbury).

WORCESTERSHIRE: Today: Yorkshire (Headingley). Sept 10: Derbyshire (Worcester). Sept 18: Hampshire (Southampton).

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Saqlain, the Surrey spin bowler, may prove a key figure in his farewell performance for the county this season

Inflated opinion of covers proves so much hot air

EXTRA COVER

It never rains but it pours at Lancashire. Officials and players appear to be fast baling out of a club that is falling a long way short of its own high expectations. Now comes embarrassment over its system for protecting the Old Trafford square from the elements, one thing it has no excuse for being bad at.

Yorkshire, championship challengers, have protested to Lord's about the loss of a day's play last week after heavy overnight rain seeped under tarpaulins battened down in makeshift fashion by wooden boards. But where is the vaunted "unique balloon cover" about which John Bower, the now-departed chief executive, boasted in a letter to *The Times* two years ago?

The balloon had saved "many days of cricket", he wrote, adding that it can also help to produce the right conditions for developing good pitches. "They got rid of it," one source confided yesterday. "If there was anything like a breeze when they tried to put it up, it simply blew away."

Lost cause

Another tale of watery woe. Kenilworth Wardens, needing a win to maintain their bid for the Midland Combined Counties League premier division title, woke up last Monday to find their ground under water, jeopardising an afternoon fixture with the appropriately named Water Orton.

The players set to work mopping up, but progress was slow. Then someone had the bright idea of putting in a call to Coventry airport, where a friend had access to a helicopter. It duly arrived — "let's just say he did it for expenses," Mark Leach, the Kenilworth captain, said — and once the pitch had had a quick blow-dry, play began only about an hour late.

The tide then turned against them, for they were beaten in the last over. Had they settled for an abandonment they would have got five points; as it was, they had to make do with three.

Opening gambit

Chris Adams may be on his way from Derbyshire, but the club has already taken steps to bolster its batting by signing Saeed Anwar, the exciting left-handed Pakistan opening batsman, as overseas player next year. Anwar, who outperformed every domestic player by averaging 68 when he toured England last year, is apparently unconcerned at stepping into the shoes of Dean Jones, who walked out on the county in June. A lucrative deal may have helped to dispel the apprehension.

A public announcement of Anwar's signing is imminent and follows a recent meeting with the new regime that took over after Mike Horton's resignation as chairman two weeks ago. Derbyshire are so keen on their new purchase that he has been given an option on a lengthy return should next year prove a success.

Ground rules

Anyone looking for geographical clues as to the outcome of the championship battle might like to know the grounds with the Midas touch. In the past 20 years, the destiny of the competition has been resolved in Chelmsford, Nottingham and Worcester three times each and Birmingham and Northampton twice. This would suggest that Middlesex, away to Essex at Chelmsford in the last round, ought not to give up hope of making up ground on the leaders.

For the three leading teams, the omens are less clear. Kent play their final game at Canterbury (which last saw the title decided in 1995), Glamorgan at Taunton (1984) and Gloucestershire at Bristol (1977).

Seventh heaven

No one needs to be told that the Oval Test match last month was important: it saved the hide of the England captain. But it also produced a unique statistical occurrence. Three bowlers — Glenn McGrath and Michael Kasprowicz, of Australia, and Philip Tufnell, of England — claimed seven wickets in an innings, the first time that has happened in 1,377 Test matches.

One earlier match also produced three seven-wicket hauls, but two of them belonged to one bowler, the famous but ill-fated Johnny Briggs, who took seven for 17 and eight for 11 in a Test at Cape Town in 1889.

The question was asked by Mr H. O. Dovey, of Thetford, Norfolk, and answered by W. H. Frindall.

Father Times

Title drama lasts until the final act

THE Axa Life League title will not be decided until its final round of matches after the three leaders all managed to beat the rain and their opponents on a truncated Sunday of cricket (Alan Lee writes).

Four of the eight scheduled games were abandoned without a ball bowled and a fifth, at Northampton, was postponed in deference to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The three remaining fixtures were those having a bearing on the championship.

Essex's heavy defeat by Warwickshire was a discouraging rehearsal for their rematch in the NatWest Trophy final and further proof of their declining form. Outside the 60-overs competition, Essex have won only one match since the end of June, at which point they briefly led both the championship and the Sunday league.

Lancashire, chasing a fourth Sunday title, beat Yorkshire in a game reduced to ten overs, but their prospects are reliant on winning their two remaining games and hoping that the two teams above them lose theirs.

Kent will win the trophy for the second time in three seasons if they win their last two matches, against Gloucestershire this Sunday and at Headingley a week later. If they lose one, however, Warwickshire can still complete a one-day double by beating Essex in the NatWest and Gloucestershire in their single remaining Sunday game on September 14.

TABLE (top three)

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Warwickshire (4)	16	12	4	0	0	48	15.67
Kent (10)	15	11	3	0	1	46	7.55
Lancashire (9)	15	9	3	1	2	42	3.34

(1996 positions in brackets)

REMAINING FIXTURES: Warwickshire: Sep 14: v Gloucestershire (Edgbaston). Kent: Sep 7: Gloucestershire (Canterbury). Sep 14: Yorkshire (Leeds). Lancashire: Sep 7: Essex (Old Trafford). Sep 14: Surrey (the Oval)

FOOTBALL

Souness makes shaky start with Torino

BRIAN GLANVILLE

Overseas Football

A bad start for Graeme Souness. Not only did his Torino team lose their first Serie B match at Ancona 1-0, but he dared to substitute Gigi Lentini, Torino's icon, the £13 million winger who has just returned to the club after years with AC Milan and Atalanta.

As he left the field, Lentini made a gesture that Souness tactfully said he did not see. Souness added that he expected anyone who was substituted to be put out, that Lentini was not yet fully fit and that he was never on song in the first month of the season: an important month for Souness and his team, for patience in Italian football is scarcely seen as a virtue. Asked how he himself used to react when substituted, Souness replied: "It never happened."

Meanwhile, Internazionale, like Chelsea, have an embarrassment of riches up front. Lucky Gigi Simoni, the new Inter manager, whose job has already been offered, abortively, to Arrigo Sacchi, the former coach of Milan and Italy. Simoni's team were 1-0 down to Brescia through a goal delightfully taken by Dario Hupner, the veteran striker, who was surprisingly playing his first game in Serie A.

The vastly expensive Ronaldo could make no headway. Then on came Alvaro Recoba, the 21-year-old Uruguay forward, whose transfer was overshadowed by Ronaldo's. Two glorious long-range, left-foot shots — the second from a swerving free kick — gave Inter a breathless victory.

Now Simoni must choose between five strikers. As well as Ronaldo and Recoba, he has Ivan Zamorano, of Chile, who is already talking of returning to play in Spain, Maurizio Ganz and the veteran, Branca.

At least Inter won. Their city rivals, Milan, were plagued by an uneasy draw away to Piacenza, the team that just scraped clear of relegation last season. Dejan Savicevic, Milan's gifted Yugoslav attacker, who was piqued by being kept on the substitutes' bench, has refused to sign a new contract.

Desperate for a right back, Fabio Capello, who returned to Milan after a season in Spain as manager of Real Madrid, longs to buy back the man he signed for Real, Christian Panucci, who was snubbed and sold by Capello's predecessor, Sacchi. Panucci cannot wait to rejoin Milan, but he will cost a fortune, even if Real, who were lucky to draw their first league match in the derby with Atlético Madrid, decide to let him go.

Marco Simone spent years in and out of the Milan attack after joining them from Como. Now he is shining in France with Paris Saint-Germain and he scored twice in their 4-1 win over Rennes. This followed the 5-0 home win in the European Cup against Steaua Bucharest, whose 3-2 success in the first leg was turned into a 3-0 win by Uefa, the European game's governing body, because Paris used an ineligible player. Patrice Loko, kept out of the Paris attack by Simone and the other new signing, Maurice, is most unhappy.

Metz continue to set the pace in France, though. Having beaten Paris, they won away to the champions, AS Monaco, who have been forced to sell half of their team. Metz, by contrast, held onto their star attacker, Robert Pires, and have profited from the arrival from Bastia of Bruno Rodriguez. He said that he was lucky to score the late winner against Monaco, but stressed that Metz are much more than just Pires. "We're successful because we fight hard and stick together," he said.

At Barcelona, Sonny Anderson, the Brazil striker who Monaco had to sell, cleverly made one of their goals in the 3-0 victory over Real Sociedad. Two goals went to Rivaldo, the Brazilian whom Barcelona preferred to Steve McManaman, of Liverpool.

Zoltan Czibor, the former Hungary outside left, has died from prostate cancer in his native country, at the age of 68. Born in Budapest on August 23, 1929, Czibor formed a celebrated left-wing partnership for both Honved and Hungary with Ferenc Puskas.

When Puskas was injured in Hungary's first World Cup match in 1954, Czibor moved successfully into the inside left position. Back on the wing in the final, when Puskas prematurely returned, Czibor scored against West Germany, but could not save Hungary from a 3-2 defeat. He was also a member of the Hungary team that beat England 6-3 at Wembley in November 1953. After the 1956 revolution he, like Puskas, stayed outside Hungary, playing for Barcelona and Español.

GOLF: YOUNGSTER CHALKS UP LOWEST GROSS SCORE IN COMPETITION'S HISTORY

Cool Kitteridge discovers hot form

By Mel Webb

OUT came the sun and down came the scores. As England has baked, so have the young players on the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour flourished; the golf in the second half of August has been never less than good and has sometimes been outstanding.

Warm, calm weather can make even the toughest courses vulnerable and a good example is the scoring in the National Division tournament at The London Club. Daniel Kitteridge had a 67, five under par, on the highly demanding International course.

Kitteridge birdied the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th to reach the turn in 32 and swept up three more birdies on the inward half to complete the lowest gross round in the history of the competition, which is being run this year in association with *The Times*.

Gareth Gillatt, who leads the National Division order of merit, tied for second place with Andrew Gay who, as a six-handicapper, produced the round of his life. Himesh Patel was helped to a share of fifth place by a hole in one at the 175-yard 14th.

It was not long before Kitteridge had to share his record, Jeremy Kavanagh also producing a 67 in the Southern Division event at Moor Park.

Kavanagh had four birdies to the 9th and two bogeys as he turned for home brought the positive response of further birdies at the 13th, 14th and 18th.

Second was Warren Wood, who had a solid 71 to maintain his recent burst of high finishes, while Rupert Rea, who leads the southern order of merit, one of six players who tied for third.

The National Division moved to Royal Lytham and St Annes on Thursday and Andrew Colley more than held his own against a course that was defended by a 20mph wind.

Colley claimed his second victory of the season with a 72, a shot ahead of Stuart Williams. Himesh Patel's hole in one at The London Club was recognised with a presentation and Steven Kattenham was so impressed with Patel's performance that he promptly went and had an ace at the 12th hole.

Friday brought the Northern Division's fifth event of the season at Portal and with it a victory for Gareth White, the Welsh boys international, whose 73 was a sound performance in the heavy rain and strong wind.

Adam Collins was second and Sean Grey and Gorden Cattrell shared third place. James Holmes was unable to compete, but retained his position at the top of the Northern order of merit.

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NORTHERN DIVISION (Portal) 73: G White (Glossop and District) 74: A Collins (Whickham), 75: S Grey (Wallasey), G Cattrell (South Moor). 77: D Sketcher (Morecombe), A Rogan (Blundell Hill) 78: J Connelly (Wath) N Bamber (Preston), D Brooks (The Belfry), A Laing (Douglas), C Johnson (South Moor), 79: C Allison (Clitheroe), A Turner (Knaresborough). A Cusack (Wallasey) 80: S Wilson (Phoenix), P Robinson (Birchwood), C Trott (Royal Liverpool), D Joel (Chester-le-Street), J Kirbyshire (Newcastle-under-Lyme)

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Britain's youth growing in stature

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL
IN AIGUEBELETTE, FRANCE

"WE have fewer big guns firing today," David Tanner, the Great Britain team manager, said before the second day of the world championships here yesterday.

The most experienced team boats had been in action on Sunday and had done as much, if not more, than expected. Four first places and direct progress to semi-finals for the coxless four, the women's double and pair and Greg Searle, in a scull, had been supported by three second places and one third.

Many of the eight crews in action yesterday were young, development units and training with former medal-winners such as Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent, Miriam Batten and Greg Searle had clearly worked.

The men's and women's eights performed impressively. The men, an Olympic development crew with an average age of 22, showed a maturity beyond their years. After an upsetting false start, Great Britain stayed in close contact behind the United States and Romania to 1,500 metres. Romania then pushed, but Britain went with them. They overtook the United States and were just one third of a length behind Romania at the line in the fastest heat.

The British crew, which produced the fastest last 500 metres of any of the crews, still faces a repechage tomorrow. It will not be easy, but confidence has increased. A British heavyweight eight has not won a world medal since 1991.

Martin McElroy, 33, the crew's Irish coach, is a double graduate in engineering and business. He noted the improvement since the crew trained with Redgrave and company. "You can learn a lot from those guys," he said.

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The Britain women's eight, a last-minute selection including the coxless four that won gold in Lucerne and had already reached the final here on Saturday, were in unknown waters yesterday. With no racing experience behind them, the British "big boat" lined up against Romania, the favourites for the gold medal, Canada and the experienced Dutch. Romania duly won and progressed to the final but Britain, with Lisa Eyre at stroke, finished a close third behind Canada in the fastest heat. Eyre said: "We had a good start, a good base rhythm and a good push at halfway. We have more to come in the last 500."

The usually cautious Mike Spracklen, who returned from the United States to coach the Britain women, said: "In January, I would have been happy with one boat in a final. Now it is all about winning."

With Sarah Birch and Tracy Langlands qualifying for the lightweight women's doubles semi-final yesterday, British women have two crews in finals, three in semi-finals and the prospect of more to come, not least the lightweight quad of Nicola Dale, Jo Nitsch, Robyn Morris and Sarah Watts, bronze medal-winners in Lucerne, who were edged into a repechage in the fastest heat yesterday.

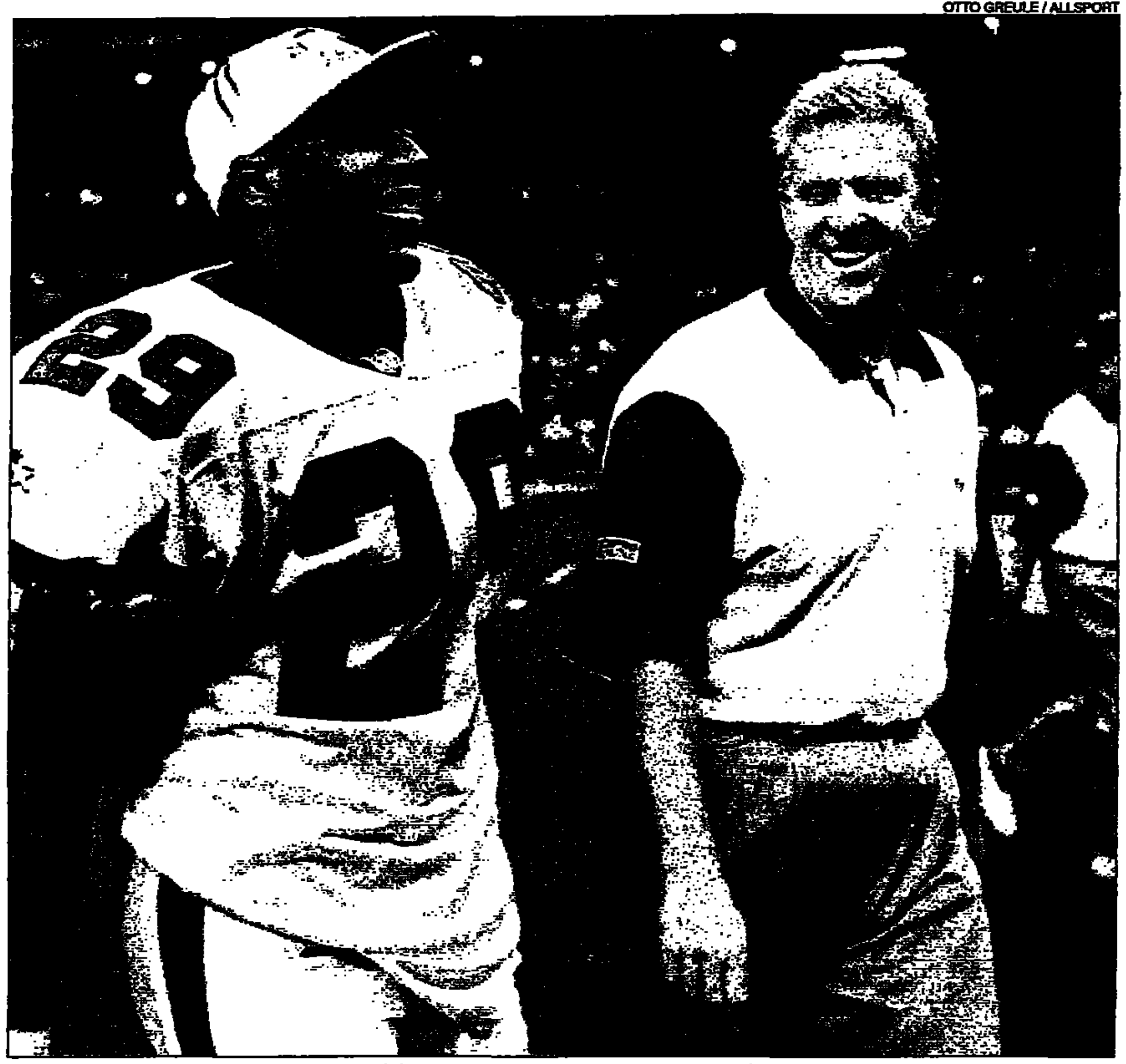
The two women scullers, the heavyweight, Guin Batten, and the lightweight, Jane Hall, face repechages today after finishing third and second in their heats on Sunday.

Maurice Hayes, the London University coach,was yesterday appointed lightweight men's coach to the Great Britain squad from the autumn.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: O'DONNELL MAKES FIVE TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO GIVE PARCELLS WINNING START

Jets shake off sleepiness in Seattle

BY OLIVER HOLT



OTTO GREULE / ALLSPORT

Parcells, the New York Jets coach, celebrates a surprise victory in Seattle with Adrian Murrell, the running back

DALLAS Cowboys, New England Patriots and Denver Broncos all made their Super Bowl statements of intent on the opening day of the National Football League (NFL) season on Sunday but it was New York Jets, the team that has become famous for being so bad, that stole all the glory and left mouths agape.

In one wonderful afternoon at the Kingdome, the home of Seattle Seahawks, the Jets equalled their solitary win of last season at the first attempt, humbling a Seahawks team that had been tipped as one of the dark horses for the season ahead. It was no hair's-breadth victory, either. The Jets won 41-3.

In a turnaround of bewildering proportions, their quarterback, the much-maligned Neil O'Donnell, a man who stuttered through last season, tottering from a dislocated shoulder to mistake after mistake, interception after interception, produced the best performance of his career. He threw five touchdown passes for a total of 270 yards.

Much of the credit, of course, was passed immediately to the Jets' new coach, Bill Parcells, the man who led New England Patriots to the Super Bowl last season, then left in acrimonious circumstances to go back to the city and the stadium where he enjoyed so much success as coach of New York Giants.

The man they call the Big Tuna has made sweeping changes since his arrival and is already working his magic. For the first time in more than a decade, it seems that the Jets have a real chance of winning more than half of their 16 regular season games.

The Patriots, the team Parcells left behind, showed no signs of losing the momentum that they built up last year on their way to their Super Bowl defeat against Green Bay Packers last January. Their victory over San Diego Chargers was second in its decisiveness only to the Jets'.

Drew Bledsoe, their quarterback, who was thought to have had a difficult and frosty relationship with Parcells, threw for four touchdowns and 340 yards in the 41-7 rout before allowing himself a snipe at his former coach. "We know we have something to show, that we can play without Bill Parcells," Bledsoe said. "The players won last year and today shows we can win again this year."

The Cowboys, with their quarterback, Troy Aikman, also throwing four touchdowns, have approached the new season with a new attitude, determined to try to put the scandals that have rocked them for the past two seasons into the background, and their 37-7 win over the listless Pittsburgh Steelers bodes well for the team America loves to hate.

The Broncos, the team that looked destined to win the Super Bowl last season until they were upset by the upstart Jacksonville Jaguars in the play-offs, began quietly and efficiently with a 19-3 victory over Kansas City Chiefs in Mile High Stadium.

With the Packers due to start their campaign against Chicago Bears in Green Bay last night, a game that is about as close to a derby as it gets in the NFL, the only one of the fancied teams not to get off to a positive start were San Francisco 49ers, who spoilt the debut of their new coach, Steve Mariucci, by losing to Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the first time in 17 years.

If the Jets began the season by reversing a bad trend, though, Carolina Panthers reversed a good one, losing for the first time in the short history of their Ericsson Stadium after an unbeaten 1996. Tennessee Oilers had no trend to worry about and duly beat Oakland Raiders 24-21 in their debut game in the NFL and the first to be played in Tennessee.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

SEYSSEL

(b) The name of two villages on the upper Rhône, used attributively or absolutely to designate various white wines made there.

TROCHAICAL

(c) Running like a troche, the Greek metrical foot going dum-de, the opposite of an iamb, which goes de-dum. Used figuratively also. "Jack Squire through his own teardrops sploshes/ In his great flat trochaical goloshes."

SKEET

(c) A form of clay-pigeon shooting in which targets are projected at a variety of shooting angles in a semicircular range. Said to be an old American variant for *shoot*.

WANDERVOGEL

(b) A member of the German youth organisation founded by H. Hoffmann at the end of the 19th century for the promotion of out-of-door activities, especially hiking, and folk culture, as a reaction against the materialistic values of middle-class city life. Literally, the German means "a bird of passage".

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BOWLS

Johnston and Price in spotlight

MARGARET JOHNSTON and Mary Price, who battled it out for the pairs title at the Atlantic Rim Games in Llandrindod Wells last week, hold centre stage this morning as the singles championship moves into its final round of matches (Gordon Dunwoodie writes).

Both have won 11 of their 12 matches, Johnston's only slip-up coming against Price, with the English champion suffering her only defeat at the hands of Betty Morgan, of Wales.

Although they are locked together on the same points, Johnston, the former world champion who had to settle for the silver medal behind Price in the pairs, has the better shots difference: +102 against +91 for Price.

Johnston appears to have the harder task this morning, taking on the defending champion, Jo Peacock, from South Africa, while Price lines up against the unpredictable Mary De Lisle, from the United States.

Johnston's wins yesterday came against De Lisle and Crystal Toleman, of Spain, but the American caused the Ballymoney player some anxious moments before finally surrendering 25-20.

De Lisle led 11-6 after 12 ends but then managed just two more counts, a single and a double, over the next ten ends as Johnston moved into a 21-14 lead before completing her win with a single in the 28th end.

Toleman offered some early resistance until, at 7-7 after 12 ends, she dropped a maximum four on the way to a 25-13 victory.

Price was successful in recovering from a deficit of 14-6 to beat On-Kow Au, of Canada, and then went on to defeat Maria Cabrela, of Argentina, by the same score, 25-19.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Flattering, not fattening

Looking Good
BBC2, 8.30pm

"There are", says the presenter Lowri Turner, "only three questions women want to ask about clothes: Does it make me look fat? Do you have it in size 14? Can I put it in the washing machine?" So saying, she embarks on a whirlwind of trying on — but nearly always with the emphasis on "does it make me look fat?" (whatever happened to price tags?) It's stylish stuff though — a recent survey quotes "95 per cent of employers are making 'presentation' a top priority" and Turner, with other experts, helps a young solicitor to "throw out those floral prints and too short minis ... anything above mid-thigh means you make the tea". There's a rundown on cosmetics (a cleansing cream costing £35?!), and yes, the men get a look in — but in their role as "partners". Don't ask.

Paul Merton in Galton & Simpson's ...
ITV, 8.30pm

The trouble with this returning series is that the scripts are too good. Ray Galton and Alan Simpson don't half show up today's so-called sitcoms. Strange then that through their prolific output (*Steptoe and Son, Hancock's Half Hour*) some scripts were either lost or never broadcast. Tonight's first of seven, *Clerical Error*, is just such a jewel and the lugubrious Merton makes the most of it as an unlikely babysitter. He is answering a call from the Rent-A-Blonde Escort Agency on behalf of a clergyman and his wife. Perhaps it is no wonder that some of the parishioners are determined to get their new vicar defrocked. The script has been updated with topical references, though it would probably have stood up very well without them. Geoffrey Whitehead and Sally Giles play the clerical couple.

Plane Crazy
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Hope you haven't given up on the mild-mannered Clark Kent — sorry, the egotistical, mild-mannered Bob Cringely who thinks he can fly like Superman — because, wearying as the first two programmes were (Cringely struggling and failing miserably to finish building his light aircraft in the required 30 days) — this last, *On a Wing and a Prayer*, packs a punch. Suffice to say our hero has scrapped all his previous work and started again with a fresh team of experts — the Bible-thumping, plane-mad Fisher family from Ohio, and a new model: a small German stunt plane which brought aerobatics to Hitler's 1936 Olympics. As day 30 approaches (again), girlfriend Katie arrives to cheer Bob on, the engine is fitted (why don't we ever see the dashboard?) and it's up, up and away ... except it isn't. Stay tuned.

Galton, Merton, Simpson (ITV, 8.30pm)

In Quest
Channel 4, 12.10am

Darcus Howe is a rather stern, frightening man, so little asides ("You've got a nice line in words", he tells the Chief Inspector of Thames Valley) don't sit comfortably on him. But he has undeniable presence and his four midnight forays into the state of multicultural Britain look promising. With a jury of racially mixed young people and experts taking the stand, as in a courtroom, he plans to tackle the consequences of mixed marriage, affirmative action, whether blacks and Asians have changed anything in government and, tonight, who controls policing in ethnic minority communities. Citing the Notting Hill riots of 1970, the murder of PC Blakelock and examples of apparent police injustice, he produces a fairly damning indictment which is taken in good heart, it would seem, by the police (black and white) in his line of fire. **Elizabeth Cowley**

RADIO CHOICE

Lawsuits and Liniment
Radio 4, 8.30pm

In a country that is swarming with lawyers and obsessed with the state of the National Health Service, a series about medical litigation would seem to be a sure-fire success. This one, a three-parter presented by Jenny Cuffe, examines the huge increase in such litigation, which has doubled over the past five years: the estimate for damages paid out by the NHS in this financial year is £225 million. The first programme basically picks up the blame culture which is evident in most walks of life: people have such high expectations of medical science that when something goes wrong they assume someone must be at fault. The danger, if this litigiousness gets out of hand, is that doctors will become more cautious in their treatments.

BBC Proms '97
Radio 3, 7.30pm

Tonight's concert sees the return of one of the more popular visitors to the Albert Hall, the Royal Concertgebouw from Amsterdam, generally recognised as one of the greatest orchestras in the world. The programme features the work of Richard Strauss, with, as its heart, the magical tone-poem, *Don Quixote*, a vivid illustration of the classic story. The orchestra is led by its Musical Director, Riccardo Chailly, a renowned conductor of late-romantic repertory. They are joined this evening by the viola-player Ken Hakii, and the cellist Godfried Hoogeveen, both of whom are making their Proms debuts. *Don Quixote* is preceded by the Prelude to Act I of *Guntram* and *Death and Transfiguration*. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Wake Up To Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Carl Davis Classics **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** Legends of Light Music **9.30** Busy Line. Bernard Cribbins presents the history of the telephone **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Adrian Finighan. Includes at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The Tuesday Match. Includes coverage, from Edgeley Park, of the *Division one clash featuring Stockport v Middlesbrough* **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Annie Webster **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Songs of the Sufi Mystics **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** What's News **8.45** The Lab **9.00** News in German **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Earth, Air, Fire And Water **9.30** Everywoman **10.05** Business **10.30** Literature File **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Songs of the Sufi Mystics **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **1.45** Sport **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Earth, Air, Fire And Water **4.30** The Greenfield Collection **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **10.45** Sports **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** The Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Requests **2.00** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata **8.00** Evening Concert. *Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain)*. Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor); Sibelius (Andante Festivo); Greig (Solveig's Lullaby); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Robin Banks **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Nick Abbot (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Introduced by Penny Gore. Includes Vaughan Williams (Suite: The Wasps); Grieg (Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Lyric Pieces); Cherubini (In Paradisum); Weber, arr Berlioz (Invitation to the Dance); Geminiani, after Corelli (Concerto Grosso No 12 in D minor, La Folia); Bizet (Carmen: Suite No 1)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Rameau (Overture. Le Temple de la Gloire); Mozart (Flute Quartet in D, K285); Poulenc (Suite: Les Soirées de Nazelles)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Includes Schumann (Drei Stücklein, Bunte Blätter); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 1 in C, BWV1066); Stravinsky (Octet); Schumann (Albumblätter, Bunte Blätter); Fossa (Trio Concertante in G minor, op 18 No 2); Schumann (Novellette; Praeludium; Marsch, Bunte Blätter); Bainbridge (My Eyes in Love with All Beautiful Things); Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat, Dumbarton Oaks), Schumann (Abendmusik; Scherzo; Geschwindmarsch, Bunte Blätter)
12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert
1.00pm News; Summer Ensemble. Krzysztof Smietana, violin, John Blakely, piano. Poulenc (Violin Sonata); Fauré (Berceuse, Op 16); Franck (Violin Sonata in A) (r)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear last Saturday's concert featuring the cellist Paul Watkins and the BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Tadaaki Otaka. Dvořák (Carnival Overture); Lutoslawski (Cello Concerto); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor) (r)
3.40 Schubert Song Cycles. *The first of three concert performances at London's Wigmore Hall featuring Schubert's three great song cycles.* A concert given in March by Ian Bostridge, tenor, Julius Drake, piano. Schubert (Die Schöne Mullerin)
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson talks to Richard Mitchell who compares composing music for *television and for stage* (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Includes Tchaikovsky (Polonaise, Eugene Onegin); Strauss (Hab' Mir's Gelobt, Ihn Lieb zu Haben, Der Rosenkavalier); Wolf-Ferrari (Quattro Rispetti); Elgar (Introduction and Allegro)
7.30 BBC Proms 97. See Choice. Ken Hakii, viola, Godfried Hoogeveen, cello, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, under Riccardo Chailly. Strauss (Guntram, Prelude to Act 1; Death and Transfiguration) **8.25** Nice People but Bad Musicians. With these words Brahms left Amsterdam in 1879. Andrew Green explores the history of the Concertgebouw **8.25** Concert, part two. Strauss (Don Quixote)
9.30 To Bahia and Beyond. The poets Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell visit a centre for street children in Salvador and meet the writer Jorge Amado, once exiled during the military dictatorship in Brazil (2/5) (r)
10.45 Night Waves in Israel. Sarah Dunant reports on the internal struggle in Israel between Jewish orthodoxy and secular modernity (r)
11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn. Introduced by Roger Nichols (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Richard Niles presents a week of programmes featuring the BBC Big Band. Tonight, they are joined by the composer Bill Russo to perform his *Chicago Suite No 1*
1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet. Includes **1.00** Symanowski and His Time. With Krysztof Bakowski, violin, Waldemar Malicki, piano, Sylvia Greenberg, soprano, David Aronson, piano

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.45** Personal History, by Katharine Graham. Abridged by Chris Wallis (2/10) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Diana Madill. Telephone 0171-580-4444 with your questions for Diana Madill and the guest of the day
10.00 News; Tales From the Back of Beyond (FM). Dr Jean Brown documents the lives of the nomadic Pokot tribe of Northern Kenya, a way of life which is about to die out
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts. Includes an interview with a young artist who has fought off lymphatic cancer twice
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Cross Questioned. The late Vincent Hanna gives the clues to Jane Bussman, David Quantick, Francis Wheen and Nick Yapp in the radio crossword puzzle **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Sci Fi — Fiction Science not Science Fiction. The geneticist Steve Jones discusses Aldous Huxley's first American novel, *After Many a Summer*, and ponders whether mortality will ever be overcome
2.30 Inventing Elgar. In the second of four programmes, the pianist David Owen-Norris talks to Jerrold Northrop Moore and Robert Walker about changing interpretations of Elgar and his work
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads the new Saul Bellow novella, *The Actual*, and talks to Claire Tomalin about an exhibition celebrating the bi-centenaries of Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley at the Wordsworth Museum in Grasmere
4.45 Short Story: Ways, by Edna O'Brien
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Rent, by Lucy Flannery. With Barbara Flynn, Patrick Barlow and Linda Polan (3/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values. As her husband was praying at her bedside, a woman who had been in a deep coma for three years started to join in (2/4)
8.00 Science Now. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Roger Highfield (r)
8.30 Lawsuits and Liniment. See Choice
9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (2/10) (r)
11.00 Mediumwave. The week's media events (r)
11.30 The New Europeans. David Nell Lodge talks to Pia Regan, who teaches American-style management skills in Gdansk (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Woman and the Ape, by Peter Hoeg. Read by Helen Schlesinger (7/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

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Demystified and deconstructed for devotees

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

Jonathan Miller has landed a TV series on opera. The idea is to persuade doubters that even though opera is in the grip of cumbersome conventions which make the plot hard to follow and the repetitive dialogue sound like it was dictated by a man with a bad stammer, it is worth persevering. Or as opera-lovers like to say:

"You say, Miller's got a series?"
"Yes, Miller's got a series."
"A new series?"
"Yes, a new series."
"A new se-he-he-he-r-i-i-es!"
"Yes, a se-he-he-he-r-i-i-es!"
"A new se-he-he-he-r-i-i-es!"
"Yes, a se-he-he-he-r-i-i-es!"
"Series."
"Series."
"Series."
(All): "Se-he-he-he-r-i-i-es!"

Don't get me wrong. I quite like opera. I even like Jonathan Miller's operas at English National Opera, where he gives the classics a twist by switching the setting of *The Magic Flute* to, say, an artificial insemination donor clinic. And I'm not just saying that I like Miller's work simply because people he falls out with get called things like "a ball of rancid pig fat rolled around the floor of a barber's shop at the end of a busy day" (that's Sir Peter Hall, by the way) — which goes to show that with more exposure to opera you, too, could be brimming with sweet, poetic thoughts, just like his.

The opening programme of **Jonathan Miller's Opera Works** (BBC2) was a workshop with young singers from Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music in a semi-derelict London warehouse. Each of the six programmes has a theme. Last night's was "The Ensemble". Miller chose two: the finale from Act II of *The Marriage of Figaro* and the Rude Mechanicals from Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The series, says the BBC, "demystifies and deconstructs opera — and makes it accessible to an audience which would never dream of setting foot in an opera house". Why not show it on BBC1, then? So far, it smells like a series that will appeal rather more to converts than to the still sceptical.

Miller is always entertaining company — on the screen or the page. But maybe, here, he is *too* entertaining. For example, he tells Figaro, when he is being confronted by the Count with a letter that implies the Countess is having an affair, to act "as if you're being presented with a piece of paper by the Department of Health and Social Security . . . Er, no . . . You've never seen it before". Miller acts the scene hilariously. Figaro then looks very flat by comparison, because he has the extra burden of singing at the same time.

The same happens when Miller adopts a Cockney whine for the Britten piece as Bottom's pals wonder where he has got to. The singers can't match Miller's *Beyond The Fringe* comic timing or accent because they must also cope with Britten's fiendish music. It irritates Miller when people sneer that he is "too clever by half", but why doesn't he just revel in his cleverness and hog the whole show for himself? Then again, what does a ball of rancid pig fat rolled around the floor of a barber's shop at the end of a busy day *like me* know about anything.

The BBC must have scheduled Miller's series for Monday rather than Friday nights for fear of emptying Glasgow's rougher pubs as young men stayed home to give this opera thing one last wee try. Stranger things have happened, such as the fact that fortune-telling has become the surest way of making a living in Glasgow, apart from working in casualty wards on Friday nights. Channel 4's *Short Stories* took us to Glasgow for **Making Fortunes**, a peek into a psychic telephone centre which does Tarot-reading over the telephone. No psychic ability necessary: it takes its new recruits from local job centres. It's a job-creation scheme Keynes never dreamt of. The company takes 2,000 premium-rate calls a week. The average call is 15 minutes, at 50p a minute.

John Waite recently made an assault on another premium-rate psychic phone line in his Radio 4 programme *Face The Facts*. In *Making Fortunes*, director Neil McLennan settled for a non-judgmental approach. It was hard to tell which was spookier. Spookiest of all was Niklas McCormick, a psychic who pulled in live audiences at the centre in the evenings with his egg-reading act.

Why eggs? Because: "Eggs are porous," he says, "and it's believed [by whom, Niklas, by whom?] that the neutral part of the egg, the yolk, and the actual white of the egg draws information out of the person's fingers, their hands, as they heat the egg. Then when you break it into a glass of water, you can interpret the shapes you actually see."

Niklas doesn't mince his words. "The year 1996 was not a good year for you," he tells a young man seated in the middle of the audience, after surveying his egg. "It was by the skin of your teeth that you didn't end up having a nervous breakdown. The main problem is that you have the confidence of a dead hamster." What little that was left of the man's confidence evaporated like water hissing off a hot griddle.

As Niklas probably knew already, Anne Ashurst, a romantic novelist from Devon, answered questions about Charles II's mistress Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland, to become the last ever champion of **Mastermind** (BBC1). Magnus Magnusson brought the series to a close after 25 years with the words: "My old friend, the black chair, is coming home with me. So that's it. I've started. Now I've finished." And if Niklas can divine *why* such a successful series has been forced to end, perhaps he could explain: the BBC hasn't.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (80111)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98418579)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (2356376)
9.30 Style Challenge (1194376)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (5143937)
10.35 Change That (1226463)
11.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (4598531)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (9538550)
11.35 Room for Improvement (2109550)
12.00 News (T) **Regional News** and weather (6068753)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (9346444)
12.35 Going for a Song (9259005)
1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (88666)
1.30 Regional News (17146531)
1.40 The Weather Show (87001444)
1.45 Neighbours Anne lands herself in yet more trouble (T) (77889024)
2.10 Quincy (3346753)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (7500192)
3.25 Playdays (7510579) **3.55** Peter Pan and the Pirates (1258463) **4.10** Rugrats (4336869) **4.35** Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (6320208)
5.00 Newsround (T) (9725444)
5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (5614840)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (336005)
6.00 News (T) and weather (43)
6.30 Regional News (95)
7.00 Holidays Out A return trip on the Orient Express; a sailing holiday in Devon; the best B&Bs in the North of England; Blackpool's illuminations and a budget holiday in North Wales (T) (5260)
7.30 EastEnders Tiffany's diplomatic skills are tested to the limit (T) (79)
8.00 Vets in Practice Steve Leonard hears that his exploits on the programme have led to his being listed as one of Britain's 50 most eligible bachelors (T) (1208)
8.30 Tiger Bay Dan and Warwick teach Salim a lesson (T) (3043)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather (2395)
9.30 Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown Rory McGrath explores wacky and weird TV adverts from around the world (T) (68227) **WALES: 9.30** Referendum 97 — the Devolution Debate (68227)
10.00 Crimewatch UK '97-98 Police appeal for information about the killer of a 12-year-old girl who was strangled in her West London home (548208)
10.45 More Secrets of the X Files (T) (604598) **WALES: 10.45** Rory McGrath's Commercial Breakdown (942127) **11.15** More Secrets of the X Files (651666) **12.00** Crimewatch UK Update (5102375) **12.10** FILM: True Betrayal (6984816) **1.40** News headlines and weather (2490845)
11.30 Crimewatch UK Update (T) (287260)
11.40 True Betrayal (1990) With Mare Winningham and Peter Gallagher. A team of detectives enlists the help of a rookie female private eye to act as bait for the suspect in a murder case. Directed by Roger Young (T) (638531)
FILM
1.15 am Weather (4685406)

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BBC2

6.00am OU: Richard II — Politics, Patriotism and Authority (4133579) **6.25** Chardin and the Still Life (4145314) **6.50** King Cotton's Palace (5943314) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (T) (4083734)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (r) (6174111) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (5186289) **8.20** Oakie Doke (r) (7804444) **8.30** Rupert (r) (7971734) **8.35** Teletubbies (r) (1768579) **9.00** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2355647) **9.25** Flash Gordon (r) (T) (3551869) **9.45** Rocky Star (r) (8356666) **9.50** Cartoon (8337531) **10.00** Teletubbies (r) (30531)
10.30 Sherlock Holmes Faces Death (1943, b/w) Adventure with the famous detective. With Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce (3056444)
FILM
11.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (2107192) **12.00** See Hear (r) (T) (19463) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (46005) **1.00** Fiddley Foodle Bird (83440685) **1.10** The Craft Hour (2232640) **2.10** Wildlife on Two (31106376) **2.40** News (T) (1503260)
2.45 Match of the Seventies: 70/71 Season (r) (T) (3454463) **3.25** News (T) (4563444) **3.30** Real Rooms (r) (73) **4.00** Ready, Steady, Cook (68) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone **4.55** Esther (1091050) **5.30** Today's the Day (44)
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air A gorgeous femme-fatale sets her sights on Will (r) (359482)
6.25 Heartbreak High Drazic is picked as a member of an international in-line skating team, while Mai's constant pressure forces Les to give ground (926685)
7.10 The O Zone (746314)
7.30 Home Ground The life of a teenager addicted to butane gas (T) (21)
8.00 Home Front Highlights from past series of the DIY showcase, hosted by Tessa Shaw and Kevin McCloud (2550)

Presenter Lowri Turner (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Looking Good** Lowri Turner introduces a new series focusing on fashion and beauty (T) (1685)
9.00 The Devil's Bed (1994) Thriller, starring Nicollette Sheridan, Joe Lando and Adrian Pasdar. An introverted woman begins a friendship with a disabled man, and everything looks set for romance — until his elder brother appears. Directed by Sam Pillsbury (1686)
FILM
10.30 Newsnight (T) (607685) **11.15** Grafters: Theme Park Life (497032) **11.45** 15 Minutes Later (930840) **12.00** Weather (1607965) **12.05am** Platypus Man (2511654)
1.00 Learning Zone: Problems with with Patterns (75116) **1.30** Experiments and Energy (14593) **2.00** The Art of Craft Collections II (25777) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (34932) **4.30** Teaching Primary History (96609) **5.00** Royal Institution Discourse (65241)

6.00am GMTV (7999395)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2345260)
9.55 Regional News (T) (1802821)
10.00 The Time, the Place with John Stapleton (67685)
10.30 This Morning (T) (18610024)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (6064937)
12.30 ITN News (T) (9245802)
12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (74003005)
12.55 Shortland Street (T) (9253821)
1.25 Home and Away (T) (58987482)
1.50 Remote Control Cooking (77895685)
2.20 Vanessa: Stop! Your Addiction's Killing Me (T) (75112666)
2.50 The Natural Health Show (6564395)
3.20 News (T) (4591227)
3.25 Regional News (T) (4590598)
3.30 The Riddlers (r) **3.40** Wizadora (7083376) **3.50** The Adventures of Dawdle (1244260) **4.05** Snug and Cozi (3378289) **4.15** Name That Toon! (4320208) **4.40** Knight School (7910395)
5.10 Relative Knowledge (2169376)
5.40 ITN News (T) (502111)
6.00 Home and Away Tim decides that he and Sally should get engaged (r) (T) (353208)
6.25 HTV Weather (239289)
6.30 Regional News (T) (63)
7.00 Emmerdale Lord Alex is keen to continue his affair with Kim (T) (2276)
7.30 People and Pets Jenny Hull learns about keeping pets (47)
8.00 The Bill: Not in the Script PC Nick Slater is given his first undercover assignment (T) (6376)
8.30 CHOICE **Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's The Clerical Error** New series of vintage scripts reinterpreted for the 1990s (8111)

Kevin Costner, Gaby Hoffmann (9.00)

9.00 Field of Dreams (1989) starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan and Gaby Hoffmann. A drama about an Iowa farmer who obeys voices that tell him to build a baseball pitch on his land. Directed by Phil Alden Robinson **Continued after the news** (T) (4005)
FILM
10.00 News at Ten (T) (14918)
10.30 Regional News (T) (517555)
10.40 Field of Dreams Concludes (T) (3506444)
11.50 Tropical Heat (r) (380666)
12.45 Planet Mirth (17661)
1.15 Late and Loud (6161390)
2.20 The Chart Show (r) (2966241)
3.05 Football Extra (r) (9628593)
4.00 ITV Sport Classics (53276593)
4.25 Sound Bites (80074224)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (31033048)
5.00 Heirloom (69067)
5.30 ITN News (T) (29864)

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9253821)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2169376)
6.25-7.00 Central News (276192)
7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (47)
11.55 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (499918)
12.25am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2770628)
12.50 War of the Worlds. Sci-fi drama series (2582067)
1.45 The Paul Ross Show (9580661)
3.05 Customs Classified (8518048)
3.40 The Making of Event Horizon (97800086)
4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (9318002)
5.20 Asian Eye (1702390)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6064937)
12.55 Home and Away (4985734)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (20931573)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2169376)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (41550)
7.30-8.00 Westcountry Dynasties (47)
11.55 Terrors of the Deep (536918)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2169376)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (11)
6.30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (63)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (47)
11.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H (536918)
5.00am Freescreen (69067)

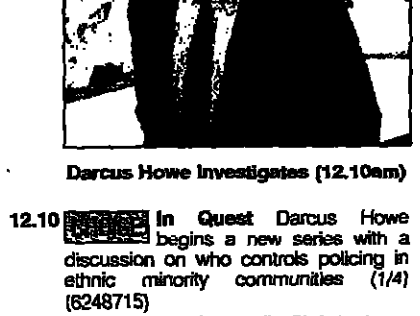
ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6043444)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9253821)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2169376)
6.23 Anglia Weather (230918)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (276192)
7.30-8.00 Wildlife Rescue. The first of a new series following stories of the rescue and rehabilitation of some of Britain's most-loved creatures, beginning with seals returned to the Wash and dolphins rescued in Swanage Bay (47)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (488289)
11.55 Charlie Grace. Drama series about a Los Angeles detective, starring Mark Harmon (536918)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Bigger Breakfast (98401289) **9.05 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (7975550) **9.35 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (1119685) **10.00 Eerie, Indiana** (65227) **10.30 The Crystal Maze** (56111) **11.30 The Bigger Breakfast** (6598) **12.00 Sesame Street** (69271) **12.30pm Baby Baby** (31173) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (83426005) **1.15 Pingu** (83414260) **1.30 Film: An American Guerilla in the Phillipines** (1950) starring Tyrone Power. A Second World War drama directed by Fritz Lang (77840) **3.30 A Sting in the Tail** (69) **4.00 Bewitched** (76) **4.30 Feast** (60) **5.00 Home Improvement** (8734) **5.30 Countdown** (40) **6.00 Newyddion** (977937) **6.05 Heno** (364314) **6.35 Hollol Bananas** (248579) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (467395) **7.25 Y Glas** (920821) **8.00 Y Clwb Rygbi** (4918) **8.30 Newyddion** (175869) **9.20 Rasus** (575666) **10.05 Brookside** (912869) **10.40 Frasier** (581802) **11.10 NYPD Blue** (401598) **12.05am-1.05 Coma** (9466785)

5.55am Sesame Street (73821)
7.00 The Bigger Breakfast Includes **9.05** Saved By the Bell: The New Class (r) (T) **10.00** Eerie, Indiana (r) (T) **10.30** The Crystal Maze (r) (T) **11.35** Bigger Breakfast (4371444)
12.00 Sesame Street (69271) **12.30pm** Baby Baby. Magazine series on rearing the next generation (31173) **1.00** Light Lunch (r) (T) (69956) **2.00** Exposed (11953869)
2.10 Daisy Kenyon (1947, b/w) A romantic melodrama starring Joan Crawford, Henry Fonda, Ruth Warwick and Dana Andrews. Directed by Otto Preminger (351753)
FILM
4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (76) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6314647) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (9291078) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (40)
6.00 Space Cadets Sci-fi quiz chaired by Greg Proops. Guests include the author Terry Pratchett and former Dr Who, Sylvester McCoy (8/10) (T) (53)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (T) (55)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (968956)
7.50 Secret Buildings Sandycombe Lodge, Richmond, Surrey (166314)
8.00 The Feel Good Factor Mark Little visits Henley in Oxfordshire and Linlithgow, West Lothian, to look at the issue of transport (2/6) (T) (4918)
8.30 Brookside Have the Johnsons been given back their freedom? (T) (6753)
9.00 Island of Dreams Two more Englishwomen try to come to terms with marriage to Greek islanders (3/3) (r) (T) (2647)
10.00 CHOICE **Plane Crazy** Bob Cringely continues his over-ambitious plan to build and fly a plane in 30 days (3/3) (T) (4339043)
11.05 Trauma A man who fell 30ft and then had a 600lb steel structure land on top of him is taken into the intensive care unit at Denver General Hospital (436289)
11.35 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out (r) (865424)

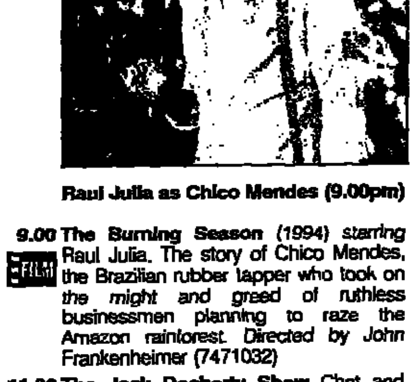


Darcus Howe Investigates (12.10am)

12.10 CHOICE **In Quest** Darcus Howe begins a new series with a discussion on who controls policing in ethnic minority communities (1/4) (6248715)
12.55 Darling (1965, b/w) Julie Christie, in an Oscar-winning performance, Laurence Harvey and Dirk Bogarde star. An amoral beauty ditches a series of lovers on her way to marrying an Italian nobleman. Directed by John Schlesinger (T) (79375195)
FILM
3.15am Ricki Lake (r) (5647067)
4.00 Cynara (1932, b/w) A drama starring Ronald Colman as a lawyer who has an extramarital affair that leads to disaster. Directed by King Vidor (8829661)
FILM
5.20 Film and Video Showcase (r) (8989067)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. *Viewers with a* **Videocrypt** *decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture:* **10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7791192)
7.30 Wishbone (5955173) **8.00** Havakazoo (8263555)
8.30 WideWorld Documentary series dealing with various aspects of the world environment (5/10) (9613096)
9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (7240937) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6414192) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (9718640) **11.00** Leeza (r) (1868598) **11.50** Double Espresso (69180314)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Glitzy soap (T) (5013032) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9360192) **1.00** 5 News Update (85434314) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8043666) **2.00** 5's Company (8014227)
3.30 The White Tower (1950, b/w) A mountaineering drama starring Glenn Ford, Alida Valli, Lloyd Bridges and Claude Rains. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff (8197043)
FILM
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11678753)
5.30 Move on Up Fast-moving quiz show (T) (9593869)
6.00 100 Per Cent Game show without a host (9583482)
6.30 Family Affairs More dramas concerning the Hart family (T) (9574734)
7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news and gossip (8556005)
7.30 Pole Stars The wildlife of the North and South Poles (T) (9570918)
8.00 Plastic Fantastic Operations that can be performed during the lunch-hour (8565753)
8.30 5 News (T) (8544260)



Raul Julia as Chico Mendes (9.00pm)

9.00 The Burning Season (1994) starring Raul Julia. The story of Chico Mendes, the Brazilian rubber tapper who took on the might and greed of ruthless businessmen planning to raze the Amazon rainforest. Directed by John Frankenheimer (7471032)
FILM
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (1953550)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4361956)
12.45 am Live and Dangerous. Includes, at 2am, IndyCar racing from Vancouver (51308059)
3.45 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas Soccer from Latin America (6747154)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series starring Karl Malden (T) (6096338)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7298574)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (428227) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (43192) **10.00** Another World (44480) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (22024) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (72444) **1.00pm** Geraldo (81192) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88192) **3.00** Jenny Jones (14956) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (93463) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5043) **6.00** Real TV (8005) **6.30** Married...with Children (2685) **7.00** The Simpsons (3444) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8869) **8.00** Speed! (2192) **8.30** Coppers (1227) **9.00** World's Scariest Police Shoot Outs (33579) **10.00** The Extraordinary (36866) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (10289) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (12375) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (2430628)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Beniker Gang (1985) (60345482) **7.45 Fire!** (1977) (43458753) **9.30 Letters from the East** (1995) (16163) **11.30 Little Women** (1994) (56395) **1.30pm Martha and Ethel** (1995) (29918) **3.00 The Beniker Gang** (1985) (28043) **5.00 Miracle on 34th Street** (1994) (72956) **7.00 Little Women** (1994) (94883) **9.00 Bird of Prey** (1995) (15226111) **10.45 Leon** (1994) (83643111) **12.35am Solitaire for Two** (1994) (104357) **2.20 Panther** (1995) (71143203) **4.25 Fire!** (1977) (114406)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am Runaway Express (1992) (60348579) **8.00 Blockade** (1938) (80294) **10.00 The Dolly Sisters** (1945) (95395) **12.00 The Amazing Captain Nemo** (1978) (90937) **2.00pm Helen of Troy** (1955) (18260) **4.00 Runaway Express** (1992) (5289) **6.00 Blankman** (1994) (51111) **7.30 Special Feature: Air Force One** (1579) **8.00 Goldeneye** (1995) (40869) **10.00 Terminal Justice** (1995) (360173) **11.55 Cyclo** (1995) (10893442) **2.05am A Good Man in Africa** (1994) (786357) **3.40 A Hatful of Rain** (1957) (59781086)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Foxes of Harrow (1947) (9115685) **6.00 Sailor Beware** (1952) (3454289) **8.00 Frantic** (1988) (3459734) **10.00 The Untouchables** (1987) (19892579) **12.05am Blind Fury** (1989) (24778932) **1.35 10 Rillington Place** (1971) (9422715) **3.25 Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers** (1967) (43914393)

TNT

9.00pm Mutiny on the Bounty (1962) (74077956) **12.15am Goodbye Mr Chips** (1939) (89903593) **2.15 How the West Was Won** (1962) (62802406) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (72043) **7.30** Football League Review (51550) **8.00** Futbol Mundial (60734) **8.30** Sports Centre (69005) **9.00** Racing News (63685) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (96647) **10.00** Spanish Primera Liga (22395) **11.30** Football League Review (58314) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (63821) **12.30pm** Bolton Wanderers v Everton (58531) **2.30** Spanish Primera Liga (50918) **4.00** Golf: British Professional Tour (48937) **5.00** Wrestling (3227) **6.00** Sports Centre (3395) **6.30** Tartan Extra (4647) **7.00** Spanish Primera Liga (69579) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (64463) **10.00** Sports Centre (64550) **10.30** Tartan Extra (53840) **11.30** Pro Beach Soccer (21821) **12.00** Sports Centre (43785) **12.30am** Spanish Primera Liga (40636) **2.30** Golf: British Professional Tour (42319) **3.30** Sports Centre (42406) **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (6432869) **7.30** Sports Centre (8411376) **8.00** Racing News (5404550) **8.30** Sports Unlimited (5665227) **9.30** Windsurfing (6943127) **10.00** Basketball: Adidas Cup (5538289) **2.00pm** Tennis: US Open (1028685) **4.00** Tennis. US Open — Live (2760208) **10.00** Golf: British Professional Tour (1099173) **11.00** Sports Unlimited (8418289) **12.00** Super Dragsters (8078406) **12.30am** Tennis: US Open — Live (8771593) **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling (29388840) **1.00pm** Fishing Tale (65899734) **1.30** American Outdoors (29375376) **2.00** Rugby League: Big League Classics (80122734) **3.30** Cricket: World Eights (61280598) **5.30** World Superbikes Championship (61278753) **7.00** The Weekend Fisherman (78862983) **7.30** The Ultimate Fisherman (31786395) **8.00** Cricket: World Eights (37437192) **10.00** Golden Gloves (37456227) **11.00** Golden Olympics (59424111) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Speedworld Magazine (99376) **9.00** Extreme Games (37482) **11.00** Eurogoals (62666) **12.00** Tractor Pulling (68006) **1.00pm** Triathlon (13314) **2.00** Extreme Games (58802) **4.00** All Sports: Universiade '97 (48173) **5.30** Truck Racing (33550) **6.30** Fun Sports: Freeride Magazine (2043) **7.00** Extreme Games (60647) **8.00** Boxing — Live (73111) **10.00** World Cup Legends (69918) **11.00** Equestrianism: Aachen Grand Prix (43531) **12.00** Sailing: Road to Whitbread (97203) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (4620227) **7.35** Neighbours (9465685) **8.00** Crossroads (9943598) **8.25** EastEnders (3461227) **9.00** The Bill (8598314) **9.30** Shelley (4846463) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1233937) **10.30** The Sullivans (6592598) **11.00** The Rockford Files (53744208) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72865395) **12.30** Neighbours (4857579) **1.00** EastEnders (9819181) **1.35** High and Dry (27826550) **2.05** A Little Bit of Dawson (77372821) **2.20** Oh No! It's Selwyn Froggitt (45537111) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (2564227) **3.30** The Bill (4553647) **4.00** Casualty (11273821) **5.05** EastEnders (8004804) **5.40** Bob's Full House (9015802) **6.20** The Two Ronnies (4737753) **7.20** Dr Who: The Robots of Death (8959598) **7.50** Home to Roost (4333145) **8.20** 2point4 Children (8764579) **9.00** The Bill (2742314) **9.30** Casualty (55360579) **10.35** Morecambe and Wise (7227550) **11.35** The Magnificent Evans (9101463) **12.10am FILM: A Stitch in Time** (1967) (9391390) **1.45** Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (2633262) **2.35** Shopping (48326116)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am El Uncut (8719050) **6.30** Beadle's About (6239802) **7.00** Coronation St (8999547) **7.30** Families (8901482) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (5763918) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (8919258) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8907666) **11.00** The Sandbaggers (8987802) **12.00** Coronation St (5973005) **12.30pm** Families (1514024) **1.00** Blind Date (1519579) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (8254111) **3.00** Beadle's About (8517956) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7415956) **4.00** Mission Impossible (1418294) **5.00** The Sandbaggers (8508208) **6.00** Families (7404840) **6.30** Coronation St (7495192) **7.00** Blind Date (7277376) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7288024) **9.00** Coronation St (5018258) **9.30** The Comedians (1594260) **10.00** Cracker (7276647) **11.00** Close

Paradise found in Mutiny on the Bounty (TNT, 9.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (12260) **6.30** Lamb Chop's Play-Along (40579) **7.00** Chip 'n Dale (71937) **7.30** Quack Pack (50444) **8.00** Dinosaurs (19024) **8.30** Bonkers (18395) **9.00** Gummi Bears (76537) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (45937) **10.00** Sesame Street (89956) **11.00** Hunny Pot (5603956) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (4845918) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (3588519) **12.00** Big Garage (7280698) **12.45pm** The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (25503376) **1.00** Sesame Street (44208) **2.00** Amazing Animals (3482) **2.30** Care Bears (8802) **3.00** Tale Spin (9289) **3.30** Goof Troop (7537) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (2482) **4.30** Aladdin (8666) **5.00** Gargoyles (4734) **5.30** Dinosaurs (9918) **6.00** Blossom (3531) **6.30** Boy Meets World (3111) **7.00** Home Improvement (4598) **7.30** Wonder Years (9395) **8.00 FILM: Ernest Goes to School** (1994) (82531) **9.30** Home Improvement (36289) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Defy (6036482) **6.30** Pinocchio (2068314) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4615043) **7.30** Hero Turtles (4694550) **8.00** Casper (8206395) **8.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8205666) **9.00** Masked Rider (8296918) **9.30** Beetleborgs (8504395) **10.00** Spider-man (4690734) **11.00** X Men (3629005) **11.30** Phantom 2040 (3620734) **12.00** The Tick (8209482) **12.30pm** Life with Louie (6508111) **1.00** Casper (4614314) **1.30** Eek! (6507482) **2.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (9779734) **2.30** Hero Turtles (1219227) **3.00** Casper (9798869) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (1281444) **4.00** Masked Rider (1200579) **4.30** Beetleborgs (1299463) **5.00** Spider-man (9773821) **6.00** X Men (1310956) **6.30** Goosebumps (1201208) **7.00** Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (25734) **6.30** Bobby's World (46753) **7.00** Spirou (77111) **7.30** Dennis the Menace (63918) **8.00** Batman (22598) **8.30** Bots Master (21869) **9.00** Art Attack (76591) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (41111) **10.00** Gravedale High (37005) **10.30** Flash Gordon (76556) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (60173) **11.30** Gigantor (61802) **12.00** Gravedale High (25685) **12.30pm** Bots Master (52227) **1.00** Batman (76482) **1.30** Eek the Cat (51598) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (6958) **2.30** Flash Gordon (1376) **3.00** Sonic (5463) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (6821) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (5956) **4.30** Art Attack (4840) **5.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

All your favourite cartoons broadcast from **5.00am** *to* **9.00pm**, *seven days a week.*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes (70360) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (49227) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (70685) **7.30** Rugrats (59192) **8.00** Doug (68376) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (67647) **9.00** CBBC (81227) **9.30** CBBC (40685) **10.30** Babar (70111) **11.00** Magic School Bus (56227) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (56956) **12.00** Paddington Bear etc (61463) **12.30pm** Portland Bill etc (98005) **1.00** Dr Seuss (79956) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (97376) **2.00** Animal Show (1482) **2.30** CBBC (6568) **3.00** CBBC (7289) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (5753) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (4260) **4.30** Rugrats' (8424) **5.00** Sister Sister (2734) **5.30** Sister Sister (4024) **6.00** Sabrina (1937) **6.30** Kablam! (2289) **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00 Molly (6578918) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (4842647) **1.00** Madison (5796442) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4841918) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (6936005) **2.30** Blast (4576598) **3.00** Molly (6948840) **3.30** Hangtime (4571043) **4.00** California Dreams (4550550) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (4556734) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (6950685) **5.30** Ready or Not (4570314) **6.00** Hangtime (4577227) **6.30** Madison (4568579) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (6930821) **7.30** California Dreams (4557463) **8.00** Close

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (6956869) **8.30** The New Twilight Zone (6935376) **9.00** LA Heat (1057840) **10.00** Tour of Duty (1067227) **11.00 FILM: Dead On: Relentless II** (1991) (6116482) **1.00am** LA Heat (7883661) **2.00** Tour of Duty (9667951) **3.00 FILM: Backfire** (1987) (1153338) **5.00** Alien Nation (1913222)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (2598) **7.30** Roseanne (1173) **8.00** Ellen (8918) **8.30** Cybill (1163) **9.00** Cheers (35463) **9.30** Taxi (18869) **10.00** Frasier (62192) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (71840) **11.00** Club Class (47208) **11.30** Nightstand (23463) **12.00** Soap (43767) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (94636) **1.00** Entertainment UK (27116) **1.30** Taxi (66593) **2.00** Roseanne (30661) **2.30** Club Class (59796) **3.00** Frasier (30680) **3.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (40048) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (9525550) **9.00 FILM: America 3000** (1986) (9535937) **11.00** Friday the 13th (7089802) **12.00** Sightings (9252951) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (2379574) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (7439609) **2.00** Dark Shadows (7224796) **2.30** New Alfred Hitchcock (7203203) **3.00** Friday the 13th (9817852) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

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Sporting programme cancelled as mark of respect

By John Goodbody and Richard Evans

MOST professional sport in Britain will come to a halt on Saturday with racing, cricket, football, boxing and rugby calling off fixtures on the day of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. It is the most extensive shut-down of British sport because of a funeral since the week in which King George VI was buried in February 1952.

The World Cup qualifying match between Scotland and Belarus in Aberdeen, though, is still scheduled to go ahead. Fifa, football's world governing body, had given permission for the match to be moved to Sunday, provided that both countries agreed. Belarus, however, want the game to be played as planned because they do not want to disrupt their preparations.

Whereas many sports can rearrange their fixtures, it is not alway possible in racing and the betting industry yesterday had reservations about the decision of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to cancel the race meetings at Epsom, Haydock, Stratford, Thirsk and Wolverhampton. Explaining the decision, Lord Wakeham, chairman of the BHB, said: "The BHB and all the racecourses concerned felt that it would be inappropriate to stage any racing on a day when the whole nation will be mourning the loss of a unique person. We are sure the racing industry will share this view."

The Tote has decided to shut its 212 shops. However, other leading bookmakers, which were not consulted about the cancellations, have doubts about the plan and may still open their betting shops. Saturdays are the biggest betting day of the week and account for almost 27 per cent of weekly turnover on horses. The Horseracing Betting Levy Board said yesterday that the average turnover on a Saturday was £24 million, which produces £300,000 in levy return for racing.

William Hill said that it would not take a decision until later in the week, but if racing goes ahead at Fairyhouse in Ireland, as expected, then it is likely that the big chains of betting shops will open, probably after midday. Apart from the Irish card, they would show greyhound racing from Crayford, Monmore and Romford and possibly racing from South Africa. One senior betting industry spokesman said: "The difficulty facing us is that every other retail business in the high street will be open for business on Saturday afternoon, so why shouldn't betting shops be open from 1pm onwards? Racing, which did not bother to consult us, would appear to have acted precipitously."

The NatWest Trophy cricket final at Lord's, between Essex and Warwickshire, has been postponed until Sunday, with both counties offering refunds to supporters who will be unable to attend.

In football, there were no FA Carling Premiership games scheduled for Saturday because of the England World Cup qualifying match against Moldova at Wembley the next Wednesday. The Football Association yesterday confirmed that that match would take place. Nationwide League games are all being rearranged for either Friday, Sunday or the next week.

All leading rugby union and rugby league fixtures are being postponed, as are all European rugby union cup and conference games involving British clubs, and scheduled to be held on Friday or Saturday.

Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, has postponed the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title bout between Robert Reid and Hassine Cherifi, which was to have taken place at the Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes, on Saturday night. The contest has been rescheduled for September 11.

The Blenheim International Horse Trials will put off the cross-country stage until Sunday, with the showjumping, which had been arranged for that day, moving to Monday. Speedway and ice hockey have also postponed their fixtures until Sunday.

The Princess Royal, who is one of the two International Olympic Committee (IOC)members in Britain, will not be attending the IOC session in Lausanne on Friday, when voting will take place to decide the venue for the 2004 Olympic Games.

THE SPORTS AFFECTED

Cricket: NatWest Trophy final — postponed until Sunday.
Football: all Nationwide League, Vauxhall Conference, Bell's Scottish League and League of Wales games — postponed.
Horse racing: meetings at Haydock, Epsom, Thirsk, Wolverhampton and Stratford — cancelled.
Rugby union: all Heineken Cup, European Conference, Allied Dunbar Premiership second division, Jewson National League, Welsh League and Scottish RU Trophy games — postponed.
Speedway: Knockout Cup final — postponed until Sunday.
Ice hockey: eight Autumn Trophy and Benson and Hedges Cup matches — postponed
Rugby league: Leeds v Oldham and all Barla matches — postponed.
Motor sport: RAC British Touring Car Championship qualifying rounds — cancelled (Sunday rounds unaffected); GT Championship — postponed until September 27.
Boxing: WBC super-middleweight title contest between Robin Reid and Hassine Cherifi — postponed until September 11.
Equestrianism: Blenheim International horse trials cross-country stage — postponed until Sunday (showjumping now on Monday).

Barrage of aces takes Briton into quarter-finals of US Open

Rusedski hits peak form to reach last eight

From David Powell in New York

GREG RUSEDSKI produced yet another overwhelming victory, his fourth of the tournament in straight sets, here at Flushing Meadows yesterday when he became the first British player for 13 years to reach the quarter-finals of the men's singles at the US Open. Rusedski, relying mainly on his heavy delivery but complementing his power with cunning angles, crisp volleying and patient service returns, defeated Daniel Vacek 7-6, 6-2, 6-2.

There is nothing misleading about the score. In the first set, Rusedski was unable to break the service of his unseeded opponent, but he was in no hurry. When necessary, he showed that he was prepared to enter into long rallies. Come the tie-break, however, there was no stopping him. With the help of two aces, Rusedski won it 7-2.

In the second set, Rusedski broke Vacek's service in the fifth and seventh games. The Czech put up slightly more resistance in the third set, saving break points in his opening two service games. Then, at 2-2, Vacek, facing break point, hit a forehand from the back of the court beyond the baseline and the match was as good as over. Rusedski did not drop another game, surrendering only two points on his service in the third set. He completed the demolition with a love game and, for the last point, delivered a 140mph service, only 1mph slower than his best.

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Rusedski, having reached his first grand-slam quarter-final at Wimbledon this year, now has a second to look forward to. He will play either Felix Mantilla, the No 12 seed, from Spain, or Richard Krajicek, from Holland, the 1996 Wimbledon champion but unseeded here. In five meetings between Rusedski and Krajicek, the Briton has won four. Mantilla and Krajicek were scheduled to play late last night.

Yet to drop a set, too, is Martina Hingis, who defeated Florencia Labat, from Argentina, 6-0, 6-2. The line-up for the quarter-finals of the women's singles, also completed yesterday, is: Hingis versus Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Jana Novotna versus Lindsay Davenport, Verius Williams versus Sandrine Testud — both players are unseeded — and Irina Spirlea versus Monica Seles.

Davenport, the No 6 seed, has won four tournaments this year, more than any other player except Hingis. The bookmakers disagreed with the seedings by installing the American as 8-1 third favourite behind Hingis and Seles after she secured her second hard-court title of the summer in Atlanta, two days before these championships began.

The Olympic champion and the only player to beat Hingis on a hard court this year, Davenport is seeking her first grand-slam singles tournament win and enjoyed an untroubled passage yesterday against Magu Serna, from Spain, winning 6-0, 6-3.

Novotna's progress was more difficult, though not by much. Having trailed Mirjana Lucic, the 15-year-old Croat, 3-1 in the deciding set of their third-round match, the No 3 seed from the Czech Republic dismissed Mary Joe Fernandez, from the United States, 7-5, 6-4. Fernandez was unable to produce her best form as she struggled to overcome a back injury.

Two of the four matches played on Sunday required a third set. Straight-sets victories were recorded by Williams over Joannette Kruger, from South Africa, and by Spirlea over Amanda Coetzer, the No 5 seed, from South Africa. However, Seles, the No 2 seed, had to recover from a set down to beat Mary Pierce, the No 9 seed, and Testud, Pierce's French compatriot, defeated Karina Habsudova, from Slovakia, 7-6 in the deciding set.

At Wimbledon, Pierce wore clothing revealing her midriff. Since then she has been wearing shorts as part of an outfit of striking colour. She described it as chilli-pepper red. Her game against Seles was hot to begin with as she won the first set 6-1, before Seles assumed control, winning the next two 6-2, 6-2. Novotna, who was beaten by Hingis in the Wimbledon final this year, has also yet to win a grand-slam tournament.

The men's third round was completed on Sunday evening, when there was some relief to the culling of seeds. Victories were recorded by Patrick Rafter, the No 13 seed, Sergi Bruguera, the No 7, Marcelo Rios, the No 10, and Michael Chang, the No 2. However, only seven seeds advanced to the round of the last 16.

The departure of Tommy Haas, who was beaten in five sets by Rios, meant that, for the first time since 1982, no German singles player has reached the fourth round.

Andre Agassi, like Seles, is a former champion here seeking to recapture form of old. Wearing a black ribbon on his pink shirt, as a mark of respect to Diana, Princess of Wales, Agassi played his best tennis of the year to beat Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Agassi plays Rafter for a place in the quarter-finals.

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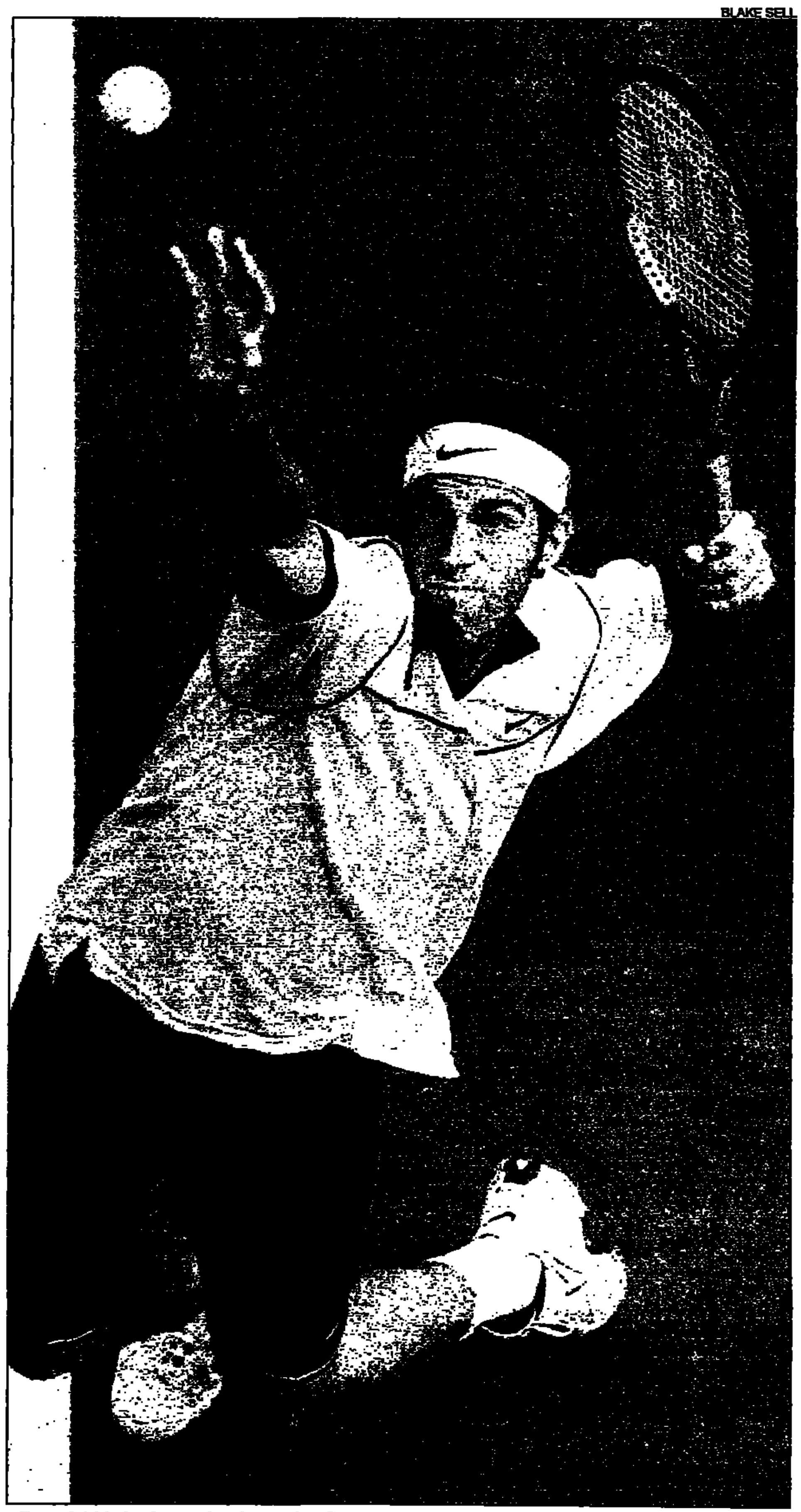

Rusedski is in determined mood as he serves on his way to victory over Vacek yesterday

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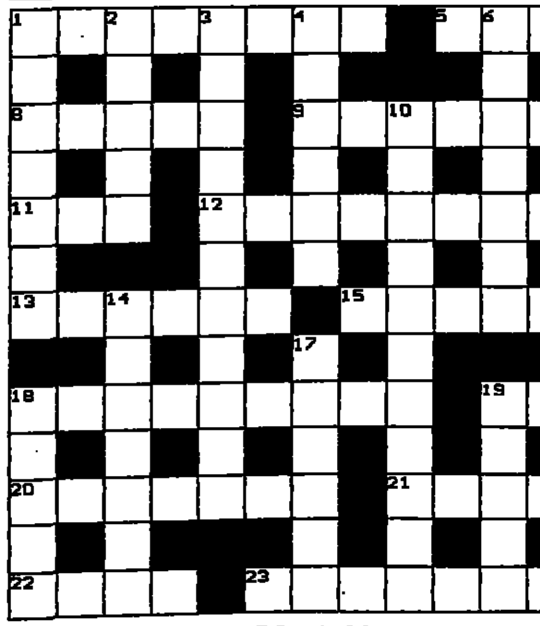

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11 Reclined; unprofessional (3)
12 Breakfast pastry (9)
13 Volley of abuse (6)
15 Turn over (6)
18 Abstruse (9)
19 Medicinal-water town (3)
20 Argues pettily (7)
21 Banish (5)
22 Drew; fastened (4)
23 Pub (8)

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1 Little stream (7)
2 Henry —, Hotspur; — Grainger (5)
3 Random but striking event (11)
4 Unfeminine girl (6)
6 An archbishop; a monkey (7)
7 Stealing (5)
10 Lack of involvement (11)
14 Save and use again (7)
16 Play as *Lear*, *Agamemnon* (7)
17 Humiliating failure (6)
18 Machine doing human work (5)
19 Tip over; pipe-lighter (5)

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Keane trusted to lead again after dismissal

By Matt Dickinson

ROY KEANE, whose captaincy record for Ireland is played one, red cards one, is to be trusted with leading his country again. The Manchester United midfield player will captain a Republic XI against an FAI National League selection in the Eoin Hand testimonial match tonight.

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, has decided that Keane's disciplined performances as club captain have merited another chance in the absence of the regular captain, Andy Townsend, who is required by his new club, Middlesbrough, for the Nationwide League first division game against Stockport County.

Townsend will join the Irish squad in Dublin tomorrow in advance of the World Cup qualifying matches against Iceland in Reykjavik on Saturday and Lithuania in Vilnius four days later.

Hand's testimonial is going ahead despite the fact that the former Ireland manager is in intensive care in a Dublin hospital recuperating from an operation after serious illness.

It will be the first time that Keane, given the captaincy at Old Trafford this season, will lead Ireland since being sent off against Russia at Lansdowne Road last year.

Another controversial figure, Ian Wright, is today expected to ask for a personal hearing with the Football Association over his misconduct charge. The Arsenal forward faces a possible 12-match ban for his behaviour after the 3-3 draw at Leicester City last week.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, has called for the hearing to be held as soon as possible but believes he could be thwarted by the England coach, Glenn Hoddle, who wants the FA to defer any punishment until after the decisive World Cup qualifying match against Italy on October 10.

The FA, which has also charged Wright's Arsenal colleague, Patrick Vieira, and Steve Walsh, of Leicester, with misconduct, insisted yesterday that the date will be dependent on availability of players and witnesses, including the referee, Graham Barber, rather than outside influence.

"No one directly involved can influence the date," an FA spokesman, Steve Double, said. "Glenn Hoddle is not involved in the disciplinary procedures of the FA."

Everton are closer to signing Uwe Rösler, the Manchester City forward. They were at first given little encouragement in their attempt to lure the German to Goodison Park.

However, Frank Clark, the Manchester City manager, held talks with Rösler yesterday, at which the player is believed to have expressed interest in returning to the FA Carling Premiership.

New 12-man game is just not cricket

Alan Lee fails to be bowled over by the latest idea from Australia for one-day matches

SPORT has imperceptibly been creating a new field of specialists — the Marginal Men, not good enough to be part of a team game, but strikingly good at one facet of it. American football has its transitory goalkickers, hockey the likes of Calum Giles. Now cricket is trying to muscle in on the phenomenon with the introduction of 12-a-side matches.

The idea comes from Australia, birthplace of day-night cricket, coloured clothing and most other innovations that identify the modern one-day game. Such successes command attention for the latest wheeze, even if it may be likelier to end up on the scrapheap occupied by such non-starters as games split into quarters and played in jazzy shorts.

The scheme will be used experimentally in Australia's domestic one-day cricket this winter. Each team will name 12 players, identifying from the outset a batsman who will not field and a bowler who will not bat. Plainly, the reasoning is that the Australian public will latch on to the Marginal Men as they do here to Giles — doubtless the best-known member of the national hockey team, despite the fact that he is only considered worth bringing on for penalty corners.

Cricket, however, does not lend itself to such specialisation. The natural make-up of the 11-man team is already designed to cover all eventualities, and the idea of the extra man becoming a cult figure is difficult to grasp unless, perhaps, he is a 16st man-mountain employed as the ultimate pinch-hitter and spared the embarrassment of having to waddle out to field. It is unsurprising that the notion — set for its debut in Sydney on October 5 — was dreamed up by Mal Speed, the recently appointed chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB). His background is in basketball and his instincts are Americanised.

In England yesterday, the news brought a mixture of bewilderment and caution. Paul Sheldon, chief executive of Surrey, said that it was "change for change's sake" and a spokesman for the England and Wales Cricket Board, Brian Murgatroyd, enigmatically described it as "interesting".

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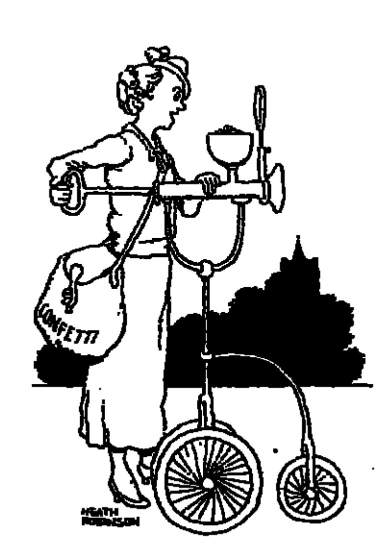

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